

**SWIMMING POOL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONCURRENT WITH
ELECTRICAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

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**Tuesday May 24, 2016
10:00 AM until completion**

SWIMMING POOL TAC PRESENT:

James Batts, Chairman
Bill Dumbaugh
John O'Connor
Gordan Shepardson
Corky Williams

Jordan Clarkson
Kevin Flanagan
Mark Pabst
Bob Vincent

SWIMMING POOL TAC NOT PRESENT:

John Whaler

STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Richmond
April Hammonds
Joe Bigelow
Jim Hammers

Mo Madani
Chip Sellers
Nick Duval
Jeff Blair

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Hatfield, Florida Swimming Pool Association
Chris Sloan

Welcome:

Time: 10:00 am

Jeff Blair welcomed everyone to the concurrent teleconference call of the Swimming Pool TAC and Electrical TAC. He provided information for the callers on how to mute systems to avoid background noise.

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the Swimming Pool TAC. A quorum was determined with 9 members present.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Pabst entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes from April 29, 2016

Mr. Batts entered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2016 meeting as posted. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Blair stated he would compile a list of the public attendees that wish to speak on any subject matter and would advise when they would be acknowledged to speak.

Discussion and recommendations to the Commission regarding whether further discussion is necessary to finalize the study regarding minimizing electrocutions linked to swimming pools as directed by [HB 535](#) Swimming Pool TAC:

Mr. Madani provided background information on the subject matter for the call. He continued with a detailed report of the progress of the project as outlined in the report posted on the agenda highlighting the proposed Code updates and changes.

Mr. Richmond stated he would like to preface the call today by echoing some comments that were made in the prior proceedings. He continued by stated with a fathers due respect to Mr. Sloan and the horrific loss of his son, the charge from the Bill does not identify any particular incident that the group is meeting to address. Mr. Richmond stated to the extent that there are concerns that there the items moving forward at this point would not have prevented anything that occurred in the past is not really a reason not to be concerned about it moving forward but whether or not it has been reasonable calculated and reasonable measures to prevent an

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electrocution around a swimming pool and whether it makes it safer within the realm of reason for Florida pools. Mr. Richmond stated he would like to avoid discussion at this point as to whether or not these measures would have prevented any of the instances that have occurred in the past.

Mr. Blair added that the group is not there to discuss the current code amendments under evaluation as there is a 45 day window for comments and that would be the appropriate venue to do so. He stated if there are specific comments on specific amendments that are under consideration, you will need to submit those through the online procedure and the TACs will evaluate them at their meetings in July, those will not be discussed today.

Mr. Blair continued by saying the meeting today is to discuss whether or not there are additional items that need to be discussed or evaluated not the proposal but should the Commission reconvene the task force to conduct further evaluation or are there additional items to be added for review. He further stated the group needs to stay away from code and direct attention to any additional items that would need to be evaluated.

TAC Comments:

No comments from the TAC members.

Public Comments:

Chris Sloan stated that has been an increasing number of unfortunate incidents, one just happening recently that had a fatality that was caused by faulty wiring. He said there are three companies that have devices that alert if there are any electrical surges in a pool, he feels there needs to be more education on what can be used to detect electrical power in a pool.

Jennifer Hatfield stated that she had sent an e-mail to all and would like these issues to be discussed. She listed the issues and expanded on the ideas.

1. Require an electrical inspection on the entire property, including testing of proper grounding and bonding, at time of sale of the house.
2. Require ongoing electrical inspections of the property to meet insurance renewal requirements every X amount of years (working with the insurance industry to hash out the specifics).
3. Request increased funding for combating unlicensed activity and increased funding for educational outreach similar to the educational materials currently being worked on (to

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ensure consumers are aware of the pitfalls and dangers of not hiring licensed contractors and not following code requirements).

4. Encourage adoption of the 2017 NEC to ensure Florida has the latest/greatest electrical code requirements, skipping over the 2014 edition (the 2017 NEC has pool lift requirements that are not in the 2014 or 2011 NEC, for example).
5. Request the Legislature to fund a study to determine the extent of pool electrical problems and how best to address the 1.3 million existing residential pools in Florida (this would provide actual data on the depth of the problem and how best to address in future code editions or glitch cycles).
6. Suggest 1 hour of a ch. 489 pool contractor's 14 hours of CE requirements include an electrical education class (which many are already taking voluntarily thru education courses provided by FSPA, IAEE and others).

Mr. Blair stated that there had been several ideas introduced and he is now asking the TACs if they feel there needs to be further meeting of the task force to discuss in joint meeting to prepare for the legislature as mandated.

TAC Comments:

Mr. Flanagan stated regarding Ms. Hatfield's item one would be one that would be good and three and six are also items to be discussed.

Additional Public Comment:

None

Mr. Blair asked for a motion to accept the six points of discussion proposed by Ms. Hatfield.

Mr. Flanagan stated he also thought we were including Mr. Sloan's suggestion

Mr. Blair stated yes.

Mr. Batts entered a motion to accept the six points of discussion as proposed by Ms. Hatfield and to also include proposal by Mr. Sloan. Mr. Pabst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Roll call was performed again with all 9 members remaining on the call.

A question was asked for the dates for July Mr. Madani stated this would be decided after June meeting.

Mr. Pabst entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.