

**ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

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Wednesday, June 24, 2016

10:30 am until completion

Minutes

ACCESSIBILITY TAC PRESENT:

Jeff Gross, Chairman
Jack Humburg
Brad Schiffer

Bemmie Eustace
Barbara Page
Frederick Schilling

ACCESSIBILITY TAC NOT PRESENT:

Sharon Mignardi
Larry Schneider

Linda Parnell
James Woolyhand

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Jim Hammers
Marlita Peters
Jim Richmond

April Hammonds
Chip Sellers
Chris Howell

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cam Fentriss
Jamie Gascon

Joe Belcher
Robert Fine

Welcome:

Time: 10:30 am

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the teleconference call of the Accessibility TAC. She provided information for the callers on how to mute systems to avoid background noise.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Accessibility TAC. A quorum was determined with 6 members present.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Schiffer entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes from April 8, 2016

Mr. Schilling entered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2016 meeting as posted. Mr. Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

Recommend and discuss potential research topics for consideration by the Building Commission.

Mr. Madani explained the yearly process of selection of research projects for the fiscal year. He advised the TAC members that this is their opportunity to propose topic to be considered for recommendation to the Commission.

There were no recommendations from the TAC members.

There were no recommendations from the public participants.

Consider potential of workshop giving guidance to help explain the difference between the Florida Accessibility Code and Fair Housing:

Mr. Madani advised the Chairman of the TAC would provide explanation of the workshop.

Mr. Gross explained background on the request for a workshop. He advised that he receives at least one call a week on the ADA and Fair Housing requirements for residential construction. Mr. Gross further advised that the workshop discussed having a presentation by someone with knowledge of the ADA and Fair Housing requirements for residential construction and have them talk about differences when ADA applies and when Fair Housing applies, when both apply and when neither apply. He said the calls he is

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receiving are questions on when funds are applied through different means and how they are applied. Mr. Gross stated he felt this work group is necessary to get information out by white paper so that the information is available.

Mr. Humburg stated he is in favor of this workgroup as he also receives calls each week on this issue.

Mr. Schiffer asked if placing this information on the website/internet with an outline of all of the questions that have been asked would be better as it would reach more people and maybe intercept some of the calls.

Mr. Gross stated his thinking is to get a nationally known expert such as Mark Mays or Bill Hurst write a presentation and if funds are available have them present and answer questions. He said at that point we could turn this into white paper on the website.

Mr. Madani stated these are fact sheets or flyers and this something that can be accomplished.

Mr. Gross stated yes it would definitely be a fact sheet. He further said that we need to get an expert so that all of the questions can be answered. He then opened the call to the TAC members for any further suggestions.

Mr. Schilling stated he is in favor of this project.

Mr. Schiffer inquired about the revisions to A117.1 and the drastic changes and wondered if this should be a research project.

Mr. Gross stated that he is not sure if this is Florida specific and he does not think that we will have a choice on the regulation and expanded on the changes. He urged anyone that represents an organization to find out about these changes but does not feel we should have this as a project.

Mr. Schiffer said they adopt this it would be the 2015 version it would not automatically be the version for the reference code.

Mr. Gross said he was unsure but one of the experts would be able to provide this information to the group.

Mr. Madani advised whatever we are going to do the new standards will need to be addressed, but if it still under consideration we should focus on what is currently in use, but looking at this would be helpful regarding the new standard.

Ms. Eustace advised that 117 was voted on and she believes it has been approved. She further stated IBC will be taking this up in October. She said from the fair housing only adopts specific codes and do not adopt rolling codes and provided examples.

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There were no further comments from the TAC.

Public Comments: None

Mr. Madani stated that a vote at this point is not necessary but the Chairman Mr. Gross would need to put a scope together and that would be the motion.

Mr. Schiffer entered a motion to prepare a scope of work as present by Mr. Gross and have a power point presentation given by an expert in this field. Mr. Schilling seconded the motion. Mr. Schiffer did ask if this could possibly be part of continuing education for professionals and add to the website. Mr. Gross stated this would be a good idea as an advanced course. Mr. Madani stated we do not generate advanced courses as an agency however anyone from the private sector could take this and use as an advance course. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mr. Gross asked if all of the meetings are recorded live stream.

Ms. Hammonds stated no they are not recorded, but live one time.

Chip Sellers addressed the TAC advising of the teleconference call tentatively scheduled for July 14 on Code Modifications and asked for a roll count of those that will be available to participate.

Roll participation:

Mr. Schiffer – Yes
Mr. Schilling – Yes
Mr. Gross – Yes
Ms. Eustace – Yes she will have an alternate
Mr. Humburg – Yes
Ms. Page – Yes

Public Comment:

Joe Belcher asked if this is being set forth as a research project.

Mr. Madani stated this is an outreach project and would go under BASF compliance and mitigation program and would not need to go to the Commission.

Robert Fine asked if his code modification will be addressed at the joint meeting of the Plumbing and Accessibility TAC regarding unisex restroom;

Mr. Madani said yes that is where the mod will be taken up.

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Mr. Fine stated he would be on the call July 14th at 10 am. He further stated he was in favor of the workshop and Mr. Hecker is a good prospect. Mr. Fine said if no one is available he is available and if there is no conflict he would be available to assist.

Ms. Hammonds stated he is not seated and would not be in conflict as far as she can tell now but will look into in further if the TAC so chooses.

TAC Comments:

Mr. Schiffer asked about what happens when approvals are in for Florida Specifics that go to the Legislature.

Mr. Gross explained how this process works and the presentation to the Legislature. He further stated we may need outside lobbying that would be outside of the department. Mr. Gross stated under the Department of Community Affairs Mr. Richmond lobbied for the Commission and TACs. He said now under DBPR they have a group of lobbyist and choose what they want to lobby for.

Mr. Schiffer asked if we should keep going or if it out of our hands.

Mr. Richmond offered defense for the Department and explained the process at DBPR and stated that this is controlled by the Governor.

Mr. Schiffer asked if we know what the Department is pursuing.

Mr. Richmond stated he is not sure, it is in the reports but knowing if it is pursued or not pursued is in question, he is not always informed.

Mr. Eustace said she is under the impression last year that this was going to be brought before the Legislature as it was too late and unless there is lobbying from DBPR it will not be brought in for the next session so we need to make the Representatives aware. She asked for clarification of what is needed.

Mr. Madani stated the report is available with notations of the changes from the TAC and research with some analysis and anyone can take any part and make it their own for presentation.

Mr. Richmond advised they will want to see proposed language from constituents and the Legislature would want items from Commission transcribed into Legislative language for proposal.

There were no further comments.

Ms. Peters performed final roll call. All original members remained on the line total of 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.