FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
July 18, 2013

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dick Browdy, Chairman
Bob Boyer
Nanette (Nan) Dean
Dale Greiner
Charles Frank
Brad Schiffer
Tim Tolbert

Hamid Bahadori
Oscar L. Calleja
Kevin Flanagan
Jeff Gross
Herminio Gonzalez
James Schock

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:

Jon Hamrick
Rafael Palacios
Jeff Stone

Beth Meyer
Drew Smith
Brian Swope

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ila Jones
Mo Madani
Marlita Peters
Robert Lorenzo

Jim Richmond
April Hammonds
Jim Hammers
Ann Stanton

Meeting Objectives:

1. Review/approve the agenda.

Welcome:

Jim Richmond opened the meeting at 9:00 am., EST, Thursday July 18, 2013. Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

Commissioner Gonzalez moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Boyer seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved.
Welcome (cont.):
Chairman Browdy stated the objective of the meeting, which was to review the circumstances concerning certification to the US Department of Energy that the 2010 Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, meets or exceeds the residential provisions of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). Jim Richmond briefly reiterated that goal and turned the meeting over to Mo Madani to provide an overview of the facts and circumstances relative to the energy code stringency certification.

Overview:
Mr. Madani summarized the requirement by the U.S. Department of Energy that this certification be made, similar to the certification made last year concerning equivalence of the commercial provisions of the 2010 code to ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007. He further stated that Florida uses the 2009 IECC as its base code for its 2010 Energy Conservation code, and that the Standard Reference Design features of Florida’s performance compliance method match those in the 2006 IECC. Florida law has previously required that Florida’s 2010 Energy Conservation code be 20 percent more stringent than the 2007 Energy Conservation code; Florida’s code met this requirement by placing a multiplier of 0.80 against the Standard Reference Design features in its performance-based code compliance method. The U.S. Department of Energy notice stated findings that the 2009 IECC was 14 percent more stringent than the 2006 IECC. Data analysis by the Florida Solar Energy Center, during the code development process that put the 2010 FBC-Energy Conservation in place, found that the residential provisions of Florida’s 2010 Energy Conservation code exceed the 2009 IECC by 2 – 4 percent. Further, extensive public scrutiny was provided over a 14 month period during Florida’s 2010 Energy Conservation code development process. Evidence shows that the residential provisions of Florida’s Energy Conservation code are 2 – 6 percent more stringent than those of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code.

Commissioner Gonzalez moved that the Commission certify that the residential provisions of the 2010 Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, meet or exceed those in the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code and further to authorize Chairman Browdy to submit the certification letter as amended to DOE as mandated by Title III of the Energy Conservation and Production Act.. Commissioner Boyer seconded. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

No public comment was received. Commissioners Gonzalez and Browdy enthused that the Energy TAC and DBPR staff had done a great job.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Browdy at 9:20 a.m.