

**FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE  
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**July 29, 2019  
2:00 P.M.**

***Minutes***

**FIRE TAC PRESENT:**

Hamid Bahadori, Chairman  
Joe Holland  
Peter Schwab  
Robert Hamberger

Amanda Hickman for Joe Belcher  
Jeff Gross  
Brad Schiffer

John Gatlin (TBA)

**FIRE TAC NOT PRESENT:**

Jim Schock

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mo Madani  
Justin Vogel  
Marlita Peters  
Robert Benbow

Thomas Campbell  
Chris Howell  
Jim Hammers

**Welcome:**

**Time: 2:00 p.m.**

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to teleconference call meeting of the Fire TAC.

**Roll Call:**

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Fire TAC. A quorum was determined with 7 members present at roll call.

**Agenda Approval:**

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Commissioner Hamberger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

**Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2019:**

Staff advised that there had been a correction made on page 19 of the minutes and a re-posting had already taken place with the updated corrected minutes.

Commissioner Hamberger entered a motion to approve the minutes as amended from July 9, 2019. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

**DS 2019-043 by Robert R. Sheppard of Monroe County, Florida:**

Robert Sheppard, petitioner provided detail on his request. He stated he was not in agreement with the staff analysis due to the research he had completed.

Mr. Madani provided the background of the declaratory statement request and advised the following question with staff response:

**Question:**

When the aforementioned 2-Family Dwellings are designed and constructed as described, are the requirements for "separate means of egress" satisfied by the shared deck and single staircase with point of exit discharge at the "yard"?

**DS 2019-043 by Robert R. Sheppard of Monroe County, Florida (cont.):**

**Answer:**

The answer to Petitioner's question is yes. The shared deck of the project in question is considered a "court" as defined in section R202, Florida Building Code, Residential, 6th Edition (2017). The proposed shared deck and single staircase with point of exit discharge at the "yard" would therefore satisfy the requirement of section R101.2, Florida Building Code, Residential, 6th Edition (2017), for a separate means of egress. There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Bahadori adjourned the meeting.

**TAC Comments:**

Commissioner Schiffer provided information on prior builds in this area and his opinion of the way the code is meant to be used for this project type.

Mr. Holland stated he did not see any difference than what would be in a multi-family dwelling such as apartments with a hallway connecting several units to a common public exit.

**Public Comments: None**

Mr. Holland entered a motion to accept staff analysis. Commissioner Hamberger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

There was no further business before the TAC.

**Final Roll Call:**

Ms. Peters performed a final roll call; all 7 original members remained on the call.

**Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.**