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Plenary Session
June 2, 2020
8:30 AM**

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James Schock, Acting Chairman	Richard Goff
Hamid Bahadori	Jeff Gross
James Batts	Robert Hamberger
Bob Boyer	David John
Donald Brown	Brian Langille
Kelley Smith Burk	Brad Schiffer
Oscar Calleja	Fred Schilling
David Compton	Drew Smith
Nan Dean	Jeff Stone
Charles Fischer	Brian Swope
John Gatlin	Don Whitehead
David Gilson	John Wiseman
Shane Gerwig	

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Thomas Campbell	Justin Vogel
Mo Madani	Jim Hammers
Chris Howell	

MEETING FACILITATION:

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: facilitatedsolutions.org

Time: 8:30 am

Acting Chairman Schock welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public to the June 2, 2020 virtual plenary session of the Florida Building Commission via webinar and teleconference. He stated that he hoped that everyone is safe and taking the necessary health and social distancing precautions to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

Acting Chairman Schock stated that in addition to considering regular procedural issues including product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, petitions for declaratory statements, accessibility waivers, and recommendations from our various committees and workgroups, specific actions would include conducting adoption hearing on Rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020); and, to approve the Commission's Annual Report to the Legislature.

Acting Chairman Schock stated that as always, we will provide an opportunity for public comment on each of the Commission's substantive discussion topics. He advised that if anyone wanted to comment on a specific substantive Commission agenda item, that they please wait until the facilitator invites members of the public to speak at the appropriate times throughout the meeting. Acting Chairman Schock stated that public input is welcome, but should be offered before there is a formal motion on the floor.

Acting Chairman Schock advised that Jeff Blair will review the Commission's adopted Webinar and Teleconference Participation Process before taking roll call.

Webinar and Teleconference Participation Process:

Mr. Blair provided detail of the process for the Commission and the public participating online and on the phone.

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call; a quorum was met with 25 members present at roll call.

Agenda Review and Approval:

Mr. Blair covered the agenda items for the meeting today.

Acting Chairman Schock requested a motion for approval of the agenda for today's meeting.

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Compton. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0 in favor.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Facilitator Report for April 7, 2020:

Acting Chairman Schock requested a motion for approval of the April 7, 2020 Facilitator's Summary Report and meeting minutes.

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to approve the April 7, 2020 Facilitator's Summary Report and meeting minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyer. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0 in favor.

Chairman's Discussion Issues and Recommendations:

Appointment Special Occupancy TAC:

Acting Chairman Schock stated he is appointing Doug Aarons to serve in the DEP representative position vacated by the retirement of Tony McNeal. He thanked Mr. McNeal for his service and thanked Mr. Aarons for agreeing to serve.

Acting Chairman Schock entered a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Commission Milestones:

Acting Chairman Schock reminded the participants the updated Commission Milestones document is linked to the agenda for today's meeting and also on the BCIS.

Executive Director Announcements and Discussions:

Mr. Campbell advised at the April meeting he announced that Commissioners would no longer be reimbursed for mileage at a \$.445 rate on a mile-per-mile basis if driving their own car, and they would be paid no more than the cost of renting a car per the state rules. He explained that it was recently decided that state travelers could be reimbursed the \$.445 for driving their own cars, so there would be no changes to the travel reimbursement policy.

Product Approval Fee Waiver:

Mr. Campbell stated that at the December 2019 meeting the Commission voted to initiate rulemaking for Rule 61G20-3.007 to authorize the Commission to waive product approval application fees for a specified time period. He stated that staff is recommending that the Commission waive these fees for the period of July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to waive product approval application fees for the period of July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Building a Safer Florida Purchase Order 2020-2021:

Mr. Campbell provided the Commission with details of changes that will need to be made to the BASF contract for FY 2020-2021 and the purpose of the changes. He advised there will be two category changes, the first being the Florida Building Code 7th Edition, and the second will be hurricane mitigation, flood resistance and wind resistance requirement within the Florida Building Code 7th Edition.

Commissioner Boyer entered a motion to authorize staff to adjust the “minimum 1 hour” program category to 6,500 hours of general Code education, 3,250 hours of changes to the Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020), and 3,250 hours to hurricane mitigation, flood resistance, and wind resistance requirements in the Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020). Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Implementation of HB 1193 - Initiation of Rulemaking for Rule 61G20-2.001:

Mr. Campbell provided the Commission with the details of HB 1193 requiring the reduction of members on the Commission from 27 to 19. He stated law will have an effective date of January 1, 2021, and the Commission will need to initiate rulemaking for Rule 61G20-2.001 to revise the operational procedures to reflect the elimination of the appointed chair position. Mr. Campbell stated the staff would like the Commission to initiate the process and staff will bring back options for their consideration during a rule development workshop at the August Commission meeting.

Executive Director Announcements and Discussions (cont.):

Implementation of HB 1193 - Initiation of Rulemaking for Rule 61G20-2.001(cont.):

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to initiate rulemaking for Rule 61G20-2.001 to revise the operational procedures to reflect the elimination of the appointed chair position. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Future Meeting Location:

Mr. Campbell advised as a reminder the next Commission meeting will be August 4, 2020, at the Embassy Suites, Ft. Lauderdale or by webinar if this is to be determined to be necessary. He stated that staff will advise how the meeting will be conducted as the date gets closer.

- October 13, 2020, Shores Resort and Spa, Daytona Beach, FL or by webinar TBD
- December 15, 2020, Hyatt Regency, Sarasota, FL or by webinar TBD

7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code Workplan

Mo Madani provided an update regarding the Workplan/Schedule for the development of the 2020 Code Update Process, for the Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020).

Commissioner Boyer entered a motion to approve the updated workplan/schedule for the (2020 code update process), Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020). Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Accessibility Waivers:

Acting Chairman Schock advised that the Commission will now consider this month's requests for accessibility waivers. He stated Justin Vogel will serve as legal counsel and present the Accessibility Advisory Council's recommendations. Acting Chairman Schock asked that Mr. Vogel present the Council's recommendations regarding waiver requests.

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Training Center – Waiver 449 - 325 Grimes Ave, Crestview 32536 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.

Mr. Vogel presented the waiver. He advised that the Council recommended denying the request for a waiver as the project in question is new construction and the Petitioner is a Title II entity under the ADA. He advised the Commission that Title II status should not be included in the decision as the Commission is only addressing a Florida-specific requirement. He suggested that if the Commission felt it was appropriate to deny the petitioner, that it use the grounds given in the staff analysis, which were that the project was new construction and the petitioner had not demonstrated that the provisions of vertical accessibility would cause unnecessary, unreasonable, or extreme hardship.

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Training Center – Waiver 449 (cont.):

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to deny the request for vertical accessibility based on the fact that the project in question is new construction. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities – Waiver 456 - 1113 East Tennessee Street, Tallahassee 32308 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.

Mr. Vogel presented the waiver. He advised that the Council recommended denying the request for a waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor as it is economically feasible and should be made accessible. Mr. Vogel advised the Commission that the cost of compliance exceeds the 20 percent threshold established in the Code of Federal Regulations for alterations and adopted by the Florida Statute, so granting the waiver would appear to be required by Florida law in this case. He stated he did advise the Council there were no apparent legal grounds to deny this waiver, however, they chose to maintain their recommendation.

Connor Ross, Architect provided additional details on the waiver request.

Suzanne Sewell, applicant provided details on the actual purpose of the facility, advising no medical patients would be seen in this building, and noting that it is a headquarter office for facilities that are all over the state providing rehabilitation services to patients.

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the grounds of economic hardship. Commissioner John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Request for Reconsideration of Waiver 449:

The petitioner for Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office requested to be heard as they were unable to voice the request when the Chairman asked for their statements due to audio issues. Mr. Blair advised the Chairman that this could be completed after the remainder of the waivers were heard but there would need a motion to reconsider at that time.

Sunset Beach Suite Hotel – Waiver 450 - 4025 Indian Creek, Miami Beach 33139 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.

Mr. Vogel presented the waiver. He advised that the Council recommended granting based economic hardship and historical significance.

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

Sunset Beach Suite Hotel – Waiver 450 (cont.):

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the grounds of economic hardship and historical significance. Commissioner Goff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Normandy Hotel – Waiver 416 - 6979 Collins Ave, Miami Beach 33014 – Issue: Vertical accessibility to all 4 levels.

Mr. Vogel presented the waiver. He advised that the Council recommended granting based on the grounds of historical significance.

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to all four levels based on the grounds of historical significance. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

333 Jefferson Holdings, LLC – Waiver 453 - 333 Jefferson Avenue, Miami Beach 33129 – Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.

Mr. Vogel presented the waiver. He advised that the Council recommended granting based on the grounds of economic hardship.

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the grounds of economic hardship. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Reconsideration of Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Training Center – Waiver 449:

Commissioner Brown entered a motion to reconsider waiver 456 to hear the applicant's comments. Commissioner Goff seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 20 in favor and 5 opposed.

Mr. Vogel presented the waiver information again for the Commission.

Steve Schmidt, Okaloosa County provided detail on exceptions in the law and the purpose of the second floor of this facility.

Sheriff Larry Ashley, Okaloosa County addressed the Commission with specific information on the activities that will be taking place on the second floor as well as the 4 to 5 positions that would possibly have an office on the second floor.

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

Reconsideration of Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Training Center – Waiver 449 (cont.):

Commission clarification:

Commissioner Brown stated based on the information provided he would be in favor of granting the waiver, as the requirement to provide vertical accessibility would not be necessary in this case.

Commissioner Compton stated it is new construction and he would be against granting the waiver.

Acting Chairman Schock asked if there were alternate locations for any training that would be offered to a handicapped individual.

Commissioner Schilling stated it is new construction and was concerned what would occur if change of use occurred 6 months from now.

Commissioner Schiffer inquired about the Title II issue.

Mr. Vogel stated that the Commission should focus only on the Florida-specific requirements.

Commissioner Brown entered motion to grant the waiver based on the grounds that requiring the provision of vertical accessibility would cause unnecessary and unreasonable economic hardship. Commissioner Gilson seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote performed, the motion passed with a vote of 22 in favor and 3 opposed.

Product Approval:

Acting Chairman Schock advised that Commissioner Stone would present the POC's recommendations for entity approvals and the consent agenda for products recommended for approval, and Jeff Blair would present the POC's recommendations for product approvals with discussion and/or comments.

Entities:

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to approve the 28 product approval entities as posted. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Product Approval (cont.):

Product Approval Applications without Comments Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to approve the 132 products on the consent agenda list. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Product Approval Application with Comments:

31761 – Commissioner Stone entered a motion for conditional approval of 31761. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 25 to 0

31767 – Commissioner Stone entered a motion for approval of 31767. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 25 to 0.

Accreditor and Course Approval:

Acting Chairman Schock advised Commissioner Dean would present the Education Program Administrators recommendations regarding applications for accreditor and course approval.

Pending advanced accredited courses for recommendation:

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to approve advanced accredited courses 951.0, 963.0, 965.0, and 969.0. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to conditionally approve advanced accredited course, 964.0. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to conditionally approve advanced accredited course, 967.0. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 24 to 0 with Commissioner Schiffer abstaining.

Pending administratively approved updated courses for recommendation:

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to approve administratively approved updated courses 689.2, 881.1 and 901.1. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Product Approval (cont.):

Pending administratively approved Self Affirmed (One Change) updated courses for recommendation:

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to approve self affirmed updated courses 821.2, 853.0, 854.0, and 912.0. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to conditionally approve self affirmed updated course 629.2 and 725.2. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to defer self affirmed updated course 900.1 to allow applicant to complete application. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Legal Report:

Acting Chairman Schock advised that Justin Vogel will report on relevant legal matters of interest to the Commission.

Mr. Vogel stated that he had drafted the Commission's 2020-2021 Annual Regulatory Plan, and that if the Commission approved it he would provide it to the Department for publication.

Commissioner Calleja entered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Regulatory Plan as presented, and to authorize publication of the Plan by DBPR. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with vote of 25 to 0.

Consider and discuss the following Declaratory Statement:

Acting Chairman Schock stated that anyone that wished to speak on the declaratory statement should advise when it is introduced. He advised that Justin Vogel will serve as the Commission's counsel. Acting Chairman Schock stated that after legal counsel reviews the petition, he will ask for public comment on the petition prior to the Commission's consideration of the same.

Consider and discuss the following Declaratory Statement (cont.):

DS 2020-022 by Eduard C. Badiu of CeBB Engineering & Testing Co.

Mr. Vogel advised that the Roofing TAC heard this declaratory statement on May 22, 2020, and requested additional information. He advised that the applicant waived their rights to receive a response within 90 days and requested deferral to gather the requested additional information. Mr. Vogel stated that the Roofing TAC deferred response pending additional information.

Commissioner Boyer entered a motion to defer action on the Petition pending the applicant providing additional information. Commissioner Swope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Binding Interpretation #185

Mr. Madani provided the report for Binding Interpretation #185. He advised this is informational only and no action is needed from the Commission.

Committee Reports:

Education Program Oversight Committee:

Commissioner Dean provided a brief summary of the Education POC's May 15, 2020 teleconference meeting.

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to accept the report from the May 15, 2020, teleconference meeting. Commissioner John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Hurricane Research Advisory Committee:

Jeff Blair provided a brief summary of the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee's April 30, 2020 teleconference meeting.

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to approve the report of the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee's April 30, 2020 teleconference meeting. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Product Approval Program Oversight Committee:

Commissioner Stone provided a brief summary of the Product Approval POC's May 21, 2020 teleconference meeting.

Committee Reports (cont.):

Product Approval Program Oversight Committee (cont.):

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to approve the report of the Product Approval POC's May 21, 2020 teleconference meeting. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Roofing Technical Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Swope provided a brief summary of the Roofing Technical Advisory Committee teleconference meeting on May 22, 2020.

Commissioner Swope entered a motion to accept the report from the May 22, 2020, teleconference meeting. Commissioner Goff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Structural Technical Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Schock provided a brief summary of the Structural Technical Advisory Committee teleconference meeting on April 30, 2020.

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the report from the April 30, 2020 teleconference meeting. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Break 10 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 10: 15 a.m.

Rule Hearing for Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C., 7th Edition (2020) Update to the Florida Building Code:

Acting Chairman Schock stated that the Commission started the 2020 Code Update Process in October of 2017 with the selection of the 2018 I-Codes and the 2017 NEC for review. He stated the TACs made recommendations on I-Code changes in June of 2018, and the Commission decided on I-Code changes in October of 2018. Acting Chairman Schock said the TACs made recommendations on proposed code modifications in March of 2019, then the TACs considered further public comments to TAC recommendations in July of 2019, and the Commission decided on code modifications for the 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code in August of 2018. He further stated that TACs made recommendations on public comments to the draft 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code in January of 2020. Acting Chairman Schock stated at the February 7, 2020 rule workshop, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the Commission's package of approved Code modifications to the 6th Edition (2017) for inclusion in the draft 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code. He said, in March of 2020 five TACs met to

Rule Hearing for Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C. (7th Edition (2020) Update to the Florida Building Code (cont.):

review topically relevant public comments submitted to the Commission's 2020 Draft Code, and to provide the Commission with recommendations. Acting Chairman Schock advised at the April 7, 2020 rule workshop the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the Commission's package of approved Code modifications to the 6th Edition (2017) for inclusion in the draft Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020), and to proceed with rule adoption for Rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Building Code Adopted.

Acting Chairman Schock stated that today is the final step in the process with a rule hearing for Rule 61G20-1.001, the draft Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020). He said that after the Commission decides whether to take action on any submitted comments and any public comments provided during today's rule hearing we will move to file for rule adoption for Rule 61G20-1.001(1), Florida Building Code Adopted, incorporating all approved amendments. Acting Chairman Schock advised at this juncture in the Code Update process he would urge the Commission to only consider making changes to our approved rule draft of the Code that corrects errors or updates standards, etc., and not to revisit any proposed Code amendments that have been well vetted numerous times already by the TACs and the Commission.

Acting Chairman Schock then asked Mr. Blair to provided instructions for the facilitation of the meeting.

Facilitation Process:

Mr. Blair provided detailed instructions of the process including public comment and Commission discussion.

Comments Received:

**R301.2.1.1 and Chapter 46 Reference Standards:
Joe Hetzel, Thomas Associates, Inc.**

Mr. Madani stated this is a clear change and provided the background.

Mr. Hetzel provided detail on the comment submitted.

Support:

Joe Belcher, FHBA

Jennifer Hatfield, AAMA

Motion:

Commissioner Gerwig entered a motion to approve this change as submitted. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Comments Received (cont.):

**Figure 1609.3(3) Replacement:
Eric Stafford, IBHS**

Mr. Madani explained that this update was not corrected during the regular cycle and stated Mr. Stafford would provide detail.

Mr. Stafford explained the update/correction to the map in detail.

Support:

Mike Silvers, FRSA
Joe Belcher, FHBA
Mike Fischer, AAMA

Commissioner Brown entered a motion to accept the updated wind chart as submitted. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Comment Received after May 15, 2020:

**B 467.8.3.7:
Bryan Holland, NEMA**

Mr. Madani provided background on the changes being requested by Mr. Holland and advised that the action of the Commission previously as NAR.

Mr. Holland provided details on this request and stated he disagreed with staff analysis on the actions taken.

Opposed:

Joe Belcher, FHBA
Mike Silvers, FRSA

Mr. Holland provided a rebuttal to the opposition statements.

There was no motion entered; the status is NAR.

**C503.1 and C503.6:
Bryan Holland, NEMA**

Mr. Madani explained the prior actions of the Commission and TAC meetings as NAR.

Mr. Holland provided detail on these requested changes.

Comment Received after May 15, 2020 (cont.):

C503.1 and C503.6 (cont.):

Opposed:

Joe Belcher, FHBA
Mike Silvers, FRSA

Mr. Holland provided a rebuttal to the opposition statements.

There was no motion entered; the status is NAR.

**C401.2. and C405.5.1:
Bryan Holland, NEMA**

Mr. Madani explained the prior actions of the Commission and TAC meetings as NAR.

Mr. Holland provided detail on these requested changes.

Opposed:

Joe Belcher, FHBA

Mr. Holland provided a rebuttal to the opposition statements.

There was no motion entered; the status is NAR.

**10.1.4.3:
Mike Fischer, Kellen Company**

Mr. Fischer explained the modification needed on this section of the code.

Support:

Mike Silvers, FRSA
Greg Healer, Owens Corning
Joe Belcher, FHBA

Commissioner Swope entered a motion to accept the changes as submitted. Commissioner Gerwig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Discussion to Delay the Implementation of the Florida Building Code the 7th Edition (2020):

Acting Chairman Schock advised that at the April 7, 2020 meeting Commissioner Stone advised that he had been contacted by product manufactures with a request to delay the effective date of the 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code by six months. He stated the manufactures stated the request was due to the coronavirus pandemic. Acting Chairman Schock stated the Commission agreed to defer the discussion until this meeting. He stated to date the Commission has received eight written comments that are attached to the agenda and two additional comments received after the deadline, all comments were in opposition to delay of the effective date.

Acting Chairman Schock asked if there were callers on the line in support of the effective date delay.

Support:

Rick Logan, AIA

Opposed:

John Farinelli

Joe Belcher, MAF, AAF, and FCA

Andrew Lovenstein, PE

Don Beers, PE, MAF

Bryan Holland, NEMA

Robbie Dawson

Sara Yerkes, ICC

Amanda Hickman, AIR

Linda Patrick

Dave Smith, Eden

Dane Bennet, FHBA is neutral on delay as long as the Code remains in effective for three full years after the six-month delay. He said they oppose any change that will shorten the three-year code period.

Jennifer Hatfield, FGI, stated that if the impact of the pandemic should worsen this issue should be brought back before the Commission. She also stated that an additional POC meeting should be scheduled before the December Commission Meeting.

Steve Strawn stated he agrees with Jennifer Hatfield's comments on an additional POC meeting in December before the Commission's December meeting. He said the manufactures are concerned with having their applications processed, due to delays during the pandemic with loss of staff and ability to get their applications in for processing. Mr. Strawn said they want to ensure adequate time is given for their applications processed.

Discussion to Delay the Implementation of the Florida Building Code the 7th Edition (2020):

Commissioner Against Delay:

Acting Chairman Schock
Commissioner Compton
Commissioner Schiffer, asked if the Fire Code is on schedule
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Calleja
Commissioner Gatlin
Commissioner Hamberger
Commissioner Boyer
Commissioner Schilling

Mr. Madani stated he had been advised the Fire Code is not showing any delay.

Commissioner Gatlin advised that the Fire Code is on track for the December 31, 2020 date.

Rule Hearing for Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C. (7th Edition (2020) Update to the Florida Building Code (cont.):

Commission Clarifying Questions or Public Comments: None

Acting Chairman Schock asked for a motion to approve Code modifications to the 6th Edition (2017) for inclusion in the draft 7th Edition (2020), and to file the rule for adoption.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to adopt the Commission's package of approved Code modifications to the 6th Edition (2017) for inclusion in the draft 7th Edition (2020), and to file the rule for adoption. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Review and Approval of the Commission's Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Annual Report:

Acting Chairman Schock stated that each June the Commission reviews and approves the Commission's Fiscal Year Annual Report, and that the plan, as always, is with the support and approval of all the commissioners to allow the Acting Chair to review and approve the final draft of the Annual Report, ensure its completeness and accuracy, and approve the Report for submittal to the Legislature and Governor.

Acting Chairman Schock advised that Mr. Blair will provide an overview of the Report for the Commission.

Mr. Blair provided a detailed overview of the Annual Report for the Commission. He advised that the report will include the actions of the Commission from today's meeting.

Review and Approval of the Commission's Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Annual Report (cont.):

Commissioner Brown entered a motion to adopt the Commission's Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Annual Report, including any Commission actions taken today, and to charge the Acting Chairman with reviewing and approving the Final Report prior to submittal to the Legislature and Governor. Commissioner Goff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 25 to 0.

Acting Chairman Schock reminded the Commissioners that the financial statement forms need to be completed when received.

Commission Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Acting Chairman Schock stated the next meeting will be August 4, 2020 at the Embassy Suites in Ft. Lauderdale or by webinar this is to be determined and notification will be sent by staff.

Final Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed a final roll call and all 25 members from the beginning of the call were present.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Schock stated there being no further business before the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.