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TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE

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June 11, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

ROOFING TAC PRESENT:

Brian Swope, Chairman
Jimmy Buckner
Richard Goff
William Schultz
Mark Zehnal

Bob Boyer
George Ebersold
Burt Logan
Gaspar Rodriguez
Karen Waseck

ROOFING TAC NOT PRESENT:

Lorraine Ross

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Justin Vogel
Robert Benbow

Thomas Campbell
Chris Howell
Jim Hammers

MEETING FACILITATION:

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: facilitatedsolutions.org
Mr. Blair welcomed everyone to the teleconference meeting of the Roofing Technical Advisory Committee.

Roll Call:

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

Agenda Approval:

Commissioner Boyer entered a motion to approve the agenda for today’s meeting as posted. Mr. Ebersold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Zehnal joined the meeting bringing the quorum to 10 members present.

Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2020:

Mr. Blair advised there was a revision to the minutes on the last page. Mr. Schultz was present on the final roll call bring the total present to 9.

Commissioner Goff entered a motion to approve the minutes from May 22, 2020 as amended. Commissioner Swope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Consider and discuss the following Declaratory Statement Questions from the Committee:

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

Mr. Madani provided the background on the TAC’s actions at the last meeting. He advised that the questions presented by the members were posted to the agenda and staff had developed a document of those questions that had been deemed to be appropriate by Legal and the staff, and that document was also posted to the agenda.

Mr. Vogel and Mr. Campbell were present on the call if there were any questions or concerns proposed by the Committee.

Mr. Blair advised the TAC that the purpose for the meeting today was to approve the questions being proposed to be sent to the petitioner for a response. He stated the declaratory statement will be addressed after the petitioner has had an opportunity to respond to the presented questions.
TAC Clarifying Questions/Comments:

Mr. Zehnal questioned why there cannot be information gathered from the building official. He stated he wanted to be sure that the TAC is not being asked to provide a response on a matter that has already been addressed at the local level.

Mr. Vogel responded stating that the petitioner had asserted during the previous meeting that he only had informal communications with the official and had not received a formal decision on this matter.

Commissioner Goff stated he felt the questions were applicable. He expressed his thoughts on several of the questions and his reasons for agreeing with those questions.

Mr. Logan stated he also felt the questions were applicable and that the percentage is the issue in question.

Mr. Ebersold asked whether the petitioner was an engineer or the roofer, or were they one and the same.

Mr. Madani advised that is not applicable or relevant to the declaratory statement; the answer should be based on the facts provided.

Mr. Vogel stated there seems to be some level of concern that the petitioner may be misrepresenting information to the local official with some aspects of the project. He stated this is not something the TAC should be considering. Mr. Vogel stated that if the TAC is concerned with the declaratory statement being misused, the TAC should narrowly tailor the response to what the facts are. He stated it is not the function of the TAC to ensure what the petitioner is presenting to the local official is accurate, that would be up to the local building official. Mr. Vogel said the TAC should consider making a proper evaluation and interpretation of the Florida Building Code based on the facts presented and the response will be limited to the facts presented.

Commissioner Swope stated the Code is clear in the use of tiles in repair and asked why this would not be addressed by the local official.

Mr. Vogel stated if the answer is clear, the response can be simple to the questions being asked.

Motion:

Mr. Zehnal entered a motion to accept the six questions outlined by staff for presentation to the petitioner of DS 2020-022 for response. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.
Public Comment: None

Mike Silvers, FRSA said he felt the questions were solid. He read from the FRSA/TRA section on roof replacement/repair of tile roofs and the mechanical attachment use and replacement during repairs.

Staff Comments:

Mr. Madani stated these questions will be forwarded to the petitioner. He said the next meeting will be the week of July 20th and staff will be notifying the TAC of the date.

TAC Comments: None

Commissioner Goff stated this should be left to the local officials to work out solutions on these issues.

Final Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed a final roll call with 10 members remaining on the line.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the TAC, Chairman Swope adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.