

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

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November 30, 2016

1:00 p.m. until completion

Minutes

ACCESSIBILITY TAC PRESENT:

Jeff Gross, Chairman
Jack Humburg
Barbara Page
Frederick Schilling
James Woolyhand

Bemmie Eustace
Sharon Mignardi
Brad Schiffer
Larry Schneider
Diana Worrall

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Thomas Campbell
Chip Sellers
Chris Howell

April Hammonds
Nick DuVal
Jim Hammers

Welcome:

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Sellers welcomed everyone to the teleconference call of the Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee. He asked that staff identify themselves for the record.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sellers performed roll call for the Accessibility TAC. A quorum was determined with 10 out of 10 members present.

Agenda Approval:

Chairman Gross asked for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Mr. Humburg entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes from October 4, 2016

Mr. Schiffer entered a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2016 meeting as posted. Mr. Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

To consider and discuss the following Declaratory Statement: DS 2016 – 076 by Kathleen Ann Wilks.

Mr. Sellers asked if the petitioner was on the call.

Ms. Wilks stated she was on the call.

Chairman Gross asked Ms. Wilks to speak on her petition for declaratory statement.

Ms. Wilks provided an explanation of why she was filing petition and gave examples.

Staff Analysis:

Mr. Madani provided the staff analysis to the TAC members with the staff recommendation.

Ms. Hammonds, Legal Counsel reiterated the legal stance on declaratory statements and what is required and stated with this declaratory statement not meeting the base requirements it would be legally improper to provide further response.

TAC Member Comment: Discussion was held among the TAC members regarding the request made by Ms. Wilks. There were some questions on the statute and Ms. Hammonds addressed those questions.

As stated in the meeting held in October this is a DOJ procedure and cannot be addressed under the Florida Building Code.

Motion:

Ms. Eustace entered a motion to accept staff recommendation that the Petition has no particular facts and circumstances and calls for a statement of general applicability; therefore answering this petition for declaratory statement would be legally improper. Ms. Worrall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

General Public Comment: None

TAC Members Comment:

Mr. Schneider asked about the Fair Housing Workshop study.

Mr. Madani stated at this time we have not been able to find a group interested in taking the project. He also stated that there has been a study performed before, however, he has not been able to locate the documents.

Mr. Schneider stated he would research and see if he could locate any reports.

Mr. Humburg requested to know why the TAC was addressing declaratory statements that do not meet the requirements.

Ms. Hammonds explained the legal process with reasoning for bringing it before the TAC.

Ms. Page asked about the meeting in January and further discussion on some of the issues brought forth by this petition.

Chairman Gross stated that he will be requesting this to be added to the agenda for the next TAC meeting in January.

Ms. Eustace asked if the prior studies were located could staff please send them to the members.

Mr. Madani stated yes.

Final Roll Call: All 10 members were remaining on the call.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.