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OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION'S KEY ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

I. PLENARY SESSION SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

In response to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission conducts their October 13, 2020 meeting as a virtual meeting via webinar and teleconference. At the October 13, 2020 virtual meeting the Commission considered and decided on Chair's issues and recommendations, Executive Director's announcements and discussions, product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, accessibility waivers, and recommendations from the Commission's various committees. The Commission received a briefing on a draft Workplan for development of the 8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code. In addition, the Commission welcomed new commissioner appointments and recognized commissioners who rolled-off of the Commission. Specific actions included voting unanimously to: 1.) Approve the Chair's recommended committee appointment; 2.) Proceed with rule adoption for Rule 61G20-2.001—Commission Organization and Operations, incorporating the approved rule language revisions regarding the Chair's term length, experience requirement, and appointment of a vice-chair, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission; 3.) Initiate rulemaking to implement the specified changes to Rule Chapter 61G20-3 in response to the JAPC letter, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission; and, 4.) Initiate rulemaking to repeal Rule 61G20-3.010, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission

(Attachment 1—Meeting Evaluation Results)

II. ACTING CHAIR'S WELCOME

Acting Chair Schock welcomed the Commission, DBPR staff and the public to the October 13, 2020 virtual meeting conducted via webinar and teleconference plenary session of the Florida Building Commission.

The Acting Chair noted that in addition to considering regular procedural issues including product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, accessibility waivers, and recommendations from the Commission's various committees, the primary focus of the October

meeting was to approve the Workplan and Schedule for development of the 8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code, and to conduct an additional rule workshop on Rule 61G20-2.001.

The Acting Chair explained, as always the Commission would provide an opportunity for public comment on each of the Commission's substantive discussion topics. Commissioner Schock explained that if one wants to comment on a specific substantive Commission agenda item, they should wait until the facilitator requests public comment and stacks a list of names at the appropriate times during the meeting. The Acting Chair noted that public input is welcome, but should be offered before there is a formal motion on the floor.

III. COMMISSION ATTENDANCE

The following Commissioners participated in the Tuesday, October 13, 2020 virtual meeting conducted via webinar and teleconference:

Jim Schock (Acting Chair), Hamid Bahadori, James Batts, Michael Bourré, Bob Boyer, Don Brown, Kelly Smith Burk, Oscar Calleja, David Compton, Nan Dean, Charles Fisher, John Gatlin, David Gilson, Jeff Gross, Robert Hamberger, Rodney Hershberger, David John, Paul Jones, Brian Langille, Grey Marker, Brad Schiffer, Drew Smith, Brian Swope, and Don Whitehead.

(24 of the 24 currently seated Commissioners attended—100%).

Absent Commissioners:

None.

DBPR STAFF PARTICIPATING

Thomas Campbell, Jim Hammers, Chris Howell, Mo Madani, and Justin Vogel.

MEETING FACILITATION

Meetings are facilitated, and meeting reports drafted by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Information at: <http://facilitatedsolutions.org>.



PROJECT WEBPAGE

Information on the Florida Building Commission project, including agenda packets, meeting reports, and related documents may be found at the Commission Webpage. Located at the following URL: <http://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>

IV. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The Commission voted unanimously, 22 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda for the October 13, 2020 meeting as posted/presented. Following are the key agenda items approved for consideration:

- To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Minutes).
- To Consider/Decide on Chair's Discussion Issues/Recommendations.

- To Consider/Decide on Executive Director Announcements and Discussions.
- To Receive Briefing on the 8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code, Workplan.
- To Conduct Rule Workshop on Rule 61G20-2.001, Commission Organization and Operations.
- To Further Consider/Decide on FDEM's Proposed Research Project.
- To Consider/Decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- To Consider/Decide on Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- To Consider Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval.
- To Receive a Briefing Regarding Legal Report.
- To Receive/Decide on Reports and Recommendations from Committees.
- To Hear Public Comment.
- To Identify Needed Next Steps, Assignments, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (December 15, 2020 by virtual meeting).

Amendments to the Posted Agenda:

There were no amendments to the posted agenda.

(Attachment 2—October 13, 2020 Commission Agenda)

V. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 4, 2020 FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY REPORT AND MEETING MINUTES

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 - 0 in favor, to approve the August 4, 2020 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes as posted/presented.

Amendments: There was no amendment offered to the meeting minutes.

VI. CHAIR'S DISCUSSION ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Commission Appointments

Acting Chair Schock made the following announcements regarding appointments to the Commission:

Grey Marker II. Governor Ron Desantis appointed Grey Marker to the Commission to serve in the General Contractor seat, replacing John Wiseman who rolled off of the Commission. Grey is Chief Executive Officer of Marker Construction Group, a general contracting and construction management firm based in South Florida. He is appointed to a term starting September 14, 2020. On behalf of the Commission, the Acting-Chair welcomed Commissioner Marker.

In addition, on behalf of the Commission the Acting-Chair thanked John Wiseman for his years of outstanding service on the Commission, and to the citizens of Florida. John served from November 16, 2018 until September 14, 2020, and served on the Code Administrative TAC.

Rodney Hershberger. Governor Ron Desantis appointed Rodney Hershberger to the Commission to serve in the Building Product Manufacturer seat, replacing Jeff Stone who rolled off of the Commission. Rod is Chairman of the Board for PGT Innovations, Inc. He is appointed to a term starting September 14, 2020. On behalf of the Commission, the Acting-Chair welcomed Commissioner Hershberger.

In addition, on behalf of the Commission the Acting-Chair thanked Jeff Stone for his years of outstanding service on the Commission, and to the citizens of Florida. Jeff served two-terms from July 1, 2008 until September 14, 2020, and also chaired the Product Approval POC and served on the Education POC.

James Schock. Jim Schock was appointed by the Governor to remain on the Commission and serve in one of the three municipal, county, or district code official seats, and replaced Shane Gerwig who rolled off of the Commission. His new term starts September 14, 2020.

In addition, on behalf of the Commission the Acting-Chair thanked Shane Gerwig for his years of outstanding service on the Commission, and to the citizens of Florida. Shane served from December 18, 2015 until September 14, 2020, and chaired the Code Administration TAC and served on the Electrical TAC. In addition, the Acting-Chair announced that Shane has graciously agreed to remain on as a member of the Code Administration and Electrical TACs.

David John. Governor Ron Desantis appointed David John to the Commission to serve in the mechanical engineer or electrical engineer seat. David is the Engineering Manager for Stan Weaver & Company. He has been on the Commission since November 16, 2018, and is appointed to a term starting September 14, 2020. On behalf of the Commission, the Acting-Chair welcomed back Commissioner John.

Michael Bourré. Governor Ron Desantis appointed Michael Bourré to the Commission to serve in the Residential Contractor seat, replacing Rick Goff who rolled off of the Commission. Michael is the President of Bourré Construction Group. He is appointed to a term starting September 14, 2020. On behalf of the Commission, the Acting-Chair welcomed Commissioner Bourré.

In addition, on behalf of the Commission the Acting-Chair thanked Rick Goff for his years of outstanding service on the Commission, and to the citizens of Florida. Rick served from February 23, 2015 until September 14, 2020, and also served on the Code Administration TAC and the Roofing TAC. Thank you Rick.

Paul Jones. Governor Ron Desantis appointed Paul Jones to the Commission to serve in the Plumbing Contractor seat, replacing Fred Schilling who rolled off of the Commission. Paul is Chief Operating Officer for W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor, Inc. He is appointed to a term starting September 14, 2020. On behalf of the Commission, the Acting-Chair welcomed Commissioner Jones.

In addition, on behalf of the Commission I would also like to thank Fred Schilling for his years of outstanding service on the Commission, and to the citizens of Florida. Fred served from August 27, 2013 until September 14, 2020, and also chaired the Plumbing TAC and served on the Code Accessibility TAC. Thank you Fred.

Commissioners Who Wish To Speak

In light of five commissioners rolling-off of the Commission with the September 14, 2020 appointments the Acting-Chair invited any of them to address the Commission. There were no individuals who spoke.

Recognition of Commissioners

On behalf of the Commission the Acting-Chair recognized Diana Worrell for her years of service on the Commission as the Persons With Disabilities Representative. Diana previously served multiple terms on

the Commission before rolling-off. In her most recent term she was appointed to the Commission on September 23, 2016 and served until she resigned on September 12, 2019. In addition, Diana served on the Accessibility TAC. We commend and thank Diana for her years of dedicated service to the citizens of Florida.

On behalf of the Commission the Acting-Chair recognized Kevin Flanagan for his service on the Commission as the Electrical Contractor's representative. Kevin was appointed on November 28, 2012, was reappointed December 18, 2015 and served until he recently rolled-off on August 9, 2019. In addition, Kevin chaired the Electrical TAC and served on the Education POC. The Acting-Chair commended and thanked Kevin for his years of dedicated service to the citizens of Florida.

Committee Appointments

The Acting-Chair appointed Gordon Thomas to the Structural TAC to replace Joe Hetzel who will be retiring from DASMA in December. We will miss Joe who has done an outstanding job for many years representing the garage door industry on the Structural TAC, on various workgroups, and in the Code development process. The Acting-Chair welcomed Gordon and thanked Joe for his outstanding service to the citizens of Florida.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 – 0 in favor, to approve the appointment.

Updated Commission Milestones

The Acting Chair reminded participants that the Updated Commission Milestones document (updated as of August 4, 2020) is linked to the October 13, 2020 FBC Agenda on the BCIS.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Tom Campbell, FBC Executive Director, briefed the Commission on the following issues:

Tentative Composition of the Florida Building Commission on January 1, 2021

Tom noted that pending any additional appointments, DBPR's analysis of the recent appointments and the statutory changes that will go into effect on January 1, 2021 including the elimination of 8 existing and the adding of one new position is as follows:

1. Brad Schiffer—Architect
2. David Compton—Structural engineer
3. David John—Air conditioning or mechanical contractor/engineer
4. Chuck Fischer—Electrical contractor/electrical engineer
5. Grey Marker—Certified general or building contractor
6. Paul Jones—Plumbing contractor
7. Brian Swope—Roofing or sheet metal contractor
8. Michael Bourre'—Certified residential contractor
9. Jim Shock—Municipal, county, or district code official
10. David Gilson—Municipal, county, or district code official
11. Vacant—Municipal, county, or district code official (Commissioner Hamberger will be resigning after the December meeting)
12. Vacant—Persons with disabilities from a Florida based organization
13. Nan Dean—Manufactured buildings industry

14. Rodney Hershberger—Building products manufacturing industry
15. Jeff Gross—Building owners and managers industry
16. Don Brown—Insurance industry
17. Jim Batts—Swimming pool contractor
18. TBD—Governor’s Chief Resilience Officer or designee
19. Brian Langille—Natural gas distribution systems

Updated Florida Building Commission Members’ Contact Information

Tom noted that updated contact information for Commissioners is linked to the BCIS.

Future Commission Meeting Dates

Tom reported that the December 15, 2020 meeting will a virtual meeting. Following are the remaining Commission meeting dates scheduled to date:

- February 9, 2021, Virtual meeting by webinar or location TBD.
- April 13, 2021, Virtual meeting by webinar, or location TBD.
- June 8, 2020, Hyatt Regency Sarasota, or by webinar TBD.

VIII. 8TH EDITION (2023), FLORIDA BUILDING CODE WORKPLAN APPROVAL

Mo Madani provided the Commission with a briefing on a draft Workplan and Schedule for development of the 2023 Code Update Process—8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code. Acting-Chair Schock indicated that the briefing was for informational purposes only, and that the Commission would approve the Workplan for the 2023 Code development process during the December 2020 meeting.

(Attachment 5—2020 Code Update Workplan) (Attachment 6—2023 Code Update Workplan)

IX. RULE WORKSHOP FOR RULE 61G20-2.001

Acting Chair Schock noted that the 2020 Florida Legislature passed CS/HB 1193 reducing the Florida Building Commission from 27 to 19 members, effective on January 1, 2021. At the June 2020 meeting the Commission voted to initiate rulemaking for Rule 61G20-2.001 to revise their operational procedures to reflect the elimination of the appointed chair position.

At the August 4, 2020 meeting the Commission conducted a rule development workshop and voted to proceed with rule adoption for Rule 61G20-2.001—Commission Organization and Operations, approving proposed rule language to reflect the election of a chair from among the Commission based on a simple majority voting threshold, with a term length of one complete Code development cycle, with no term limits, and a minimum of 3 years on the Commission as the qualification requirement for election.

Subsequently a request was made for another rule workshop to discuss some of the criteria for the election of a chair approved by the Commission.

The Commission was asked to consider the submitted written comments and any comments made during the October 13, 2020 Workshop, decide whether to amend their draft rule, and then vote to proceed with rule adoption.

Tom Campbell reviewed the various proposals from staff and the public regarding the chair's term length, experience requirement, voting threshold requirement for the election of a chair, and the chair's appointment of a vice-chair as follows:

Election of Chairman – Term Length

1. Annually. (Recommended by the Commission's legal counsel based on Section 553.75, F.S.)
2. Approximately, every three years coinciding with the Florida Building Code's triennial update process. (Current Draft)
 - a. Every three years or coinciding with the Florida Building Code's triennial update process depending on whichever is shorter. (Proposed by DBPR)
 - b. Similar to 2.a. but provides that the first chair's term runs from election date until the effective date of a new Code Edition (Proposed by FHBA)

Experience Requirement for Chairman

1. One year (Proposed by DBPR and FHBA) and no requirements except to be a member of the Commission if no commissioner meets the one year requirement.
2. Three years (Current Draft)

Voting Threshold Requirement for Election of Chairman

1. 51% (Current Draft)
2. 75% (Proposed by FHBA)

Chair's Appointment of Vice-Chair

1. Chair may appoint a vice-chair (Current Draft)
2. Chair shall appoint a vice-chair (Proposed by FHBA)

Jeff Blair explained that the Commission would review each of the four issues in turn by receiving an overview, hearing commissioner clarifying questions, receiving public comment, and subsequently a Commission discussion and decision regarding whether to revise the Rule language.

Following the opportunity provided for questions and answers, public comment, and Commission discussion, the Commission took the following actions:

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to revise the rule language in 61G20-2.001 (1) to reflect that the first chair's term shall run from their election to the next edition of the code. Future chairman's terms shall run concurrently with the update of the code to subsequent new editions.

MOTION—The Commission voted, 22 – 2 in favor, to revise the rule language in 61G20-2.001 (1) to reflect the experience requirement for qualification to run for chair is one year.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to revise the rule language in 61G20-2.001 (3) to reflect that the Chair shall appoint a vice-chair.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to proceed with rule adoption for Rule 61G20-2.001—Commission Organization and Operations, incorporating the approved rule language revisions regarding the Chair's term length, experience requirement, and appointment of a vice-chair, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

X. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT FOR FY 2020-2021

The Acting-Chair explained that the Commission decided to limit funding research projects to hurricane resistant research for FY 2020-2021 based on the frequency and intensity of recent hurricanes.

At the August 4, 2020 meeting the Commission voted to approve funding the four research projects recommended by staff for FY 2020-2021 to support the effective implementation and enforcement of the 7th Edition (2020) FBC, and/or for the development of the 8th Edition (2023) FBC.

In addition the Commission voted to approve funding four research projects for fiscal year 2020-2021 based on the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee's (HRAC)recommended priority order, and to charge staff with contracting, administering and overseeing the research, and negotiating scoping and funding levels as appropriate.

During the August 4, 2020 meeting Commissioner Brown requested that the research project titled, *Appendix with Optional Enhanced Construction Techniques*, which was not recommended by the HRAC for funding, be considered by the Commission for possible funding. In response the Commission voted to approve referring the proposed research project to a future meeting for additional evaluation regarding whether the project should be funded by the Commission. Staff was charged with determining the best format for evaluating the project, and on that basis the project was brought before the Commission for consideration since the HRAC had already reviewed the project, and the Commission will ultimately make the decision.

The Acting-Chair explained that the threshold issue for consideration was whether the Commission wanted to fund the proposed project as a research project. It was pointed out that it has been Commission policy since inception that the Commission and their TACs do not develop or propose code amendments, and to leave code development and advocacy on proposed code amendments to stakeholder proponents. Of note, the Commission funded the research that is the basis for the proposed Appendix during fiscal year 2019-2020 and as a result the actual research component has already been funded by the Commission and is complete. The development of an Appendix would entail formatting the code provisions into an Appendix, and then submitting the Appendix as a proposed code amendment for inclusion in a future edition of the Code.

The Acting-Chair summarized that the threshold issue is whether the Commission believes the proposed project should be funded as a research project, and not whether they support the Appendix. The Commission would have the opportunity to vote on the Appendix if and when it is submitted as a proposed code amendment by a proponent.

Following the opportunity provided for questions and answers, public comment, and Commission discussion, the Commission decided to take no additional action regarding the request for funding and as a result the proposed project was not funded.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF ACCESSIBILITY WAIVER APPLICATIONS

Justin Vogel, Accessibility Advisory Council legal advisor, presented the Accessibility Advisory Council's recommendations for all waiver applications, and the Commission reviewed and decided on the waiver applications submitted for their consideration.

Commission Actions Regarding Accessibility Waiver Applications:

1. TopFlite Manufacturing Building – Waiver 481 - SW corner of SW 142 AVE & SE 14 CT, Homestead 33035

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to deny the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the fact that the project is new construction, and unnecessary, unreasonable, or extreme hardship has not been demonstrated.

2. TopFlite Manufacturing Building – Waiver 481 - SW corner of SW 142 AVE & SE 14 CT, Homestead 33035

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the mezzanine based on the grounds of economic hardship.

3. Sanctuary MiMo – Waiver 480_ - 7610 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Beach 33138

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the grounds of the historical nature of the property.

4. Redgrave & Rosenthal Office Building Renovation & Addition – Waiver 479 - 14881 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach 33446

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor to the extent it has been made necessary on the grounds the space will house no more than five people and is not open to the public.

5. 119 Grand Avenue Alteration – Waiver 476 - 119 Grand Avenue, Coral Gables 33133

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the grounds of economic hardship.

6. David Goodson, Property Owner – Waiver 468 - 310 Bradford Road, Tallahassee 32303

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the grounds of economic hardship.

7. Historic Munroe House – Waiver 474_ - 133 N. Gadsden St., Tallahassee 32301

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the grounds of economic hardship.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PRODUCT AND ENTITY APPROVAL

Jeff Blair presented the Product Approval Oversight Committee’s recommendations for entities and product approvals on the consent agenda for approval, and product approvals with comments and/or discussion.

Commission Actions on the Consent Agendas for Approval:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of product approval entities (19) as posted/presented.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of products (52) recommended for approval to the 2017 Code as posted/presented.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of products (453) recommended for approval to the 2020 Code as posted/presented.

Commission Actions Regarding Product Approval Applications With Comments—2017 Code:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 29783-R3.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 33111.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 32387 R-1 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

Commission Actions Regarding Product Approval Applications With Comments—2020 Code:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 4103-R11 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 5823-R9.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 6890-R7.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 7060-R7.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 12611-R5.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 13241-R4.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 15539-R3.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 16055-R3.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 16093-R3.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 16107-R12.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 16546-R13.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 16554-R8.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 16736-R3.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 17647-R2.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 17668-R2.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 19588-R3 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 21462-R5.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 21854-R2 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 26981-R2 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 29520-R5.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 32388-R1 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve product FL 33108.

Commission Actions Regarding DBPR Applications:

There was no Commission action required regarding the October 2020 DBPR Applications. The complete results of Commission decisions regarding applications for product and entity approvals are available on the BCIS. (*See BCIS Website for Linked Committee Report*)

XIII. CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR ACCREDITOR AND COURSE APPROVAL

Commissioner Dean presented the applications, and the Commission reviewed and decided on the accreditor and course applications submitted for their consideration as follows:

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23* – 0 in favor, to approve advanced accredited course numbers: 1007.0, and 1008.0. *Commissioner Schiffer abstained from voting.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23* – 0 in favor, to approve advanced accredited course number: 988.0. *Commissioner John abstained from voting.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve advanced accredited course numbers: 995.0, 996.0, 997.0, 1001.0, 1005.0, 1006.0, 994.0, 982.0, 986.0, 992.0, 993.0, 989.0, 990.0, 987.0, and 981.0.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve advanced accredited course numbers: 991.0, 977.0, and 972.0.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve administratively approved updated course with one change number: 607.3.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve administratively approved updated course with one change number: 270.3.

XIV. LEGAL REPORT

Rule Chapter 61G20-3 (Product Approval Rule)

Justin Vogel, Commission Legal Counsel, reported that at the August meeting he reported that DBPR received a letter from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) in June pertaining to Rule Chapter 61G20-3 (Product Approval Rule), and he has provided a response to the Committee with some explanations and proposals for some minor updates to the rule chapter to address their concerns.

There are 10 proposed changes in total – one involves removing a duplicative reference, one involves making a reference to the Building Code more explicit, six involve providing updated copies of forms which are currently in use, and the last two involve capitalizing the word “statutes.” A list of the affected provisions and changes has been included on the agenda; they are located within sections 61G20-3.006, 3.008, 3.011, and 3.015.

Repeal of Rule 61G20-3.010

Justin explained that based on the Department’s 2020 Rules Review, Rule 61G20-3.010, F.A.C. (List of Approved Product Evaluation Entities, Validation Entities, Testing Laboratories, Certification Agencies, Quality Assurance Agencies and Accreditation Bodies), has been found to be unnecessary, and it is recommended that it be repealed. The Commission does not require a rule in order to post the listed entities on the BCIS. Justin noted that staff is requesting that the Commission initiate rulemaking to repeal Rule 61G20-3.010.

Following the opportunity provided for questions and answers, public comment, and Commission discussion, the Commission took the following actions:

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to initiate rulemaking to implement the specified changes to Rule Chapter 61G20-3 in response to the JAPC letter, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to initiate rulemaking to repeal Rule 61G20-3.010, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

XVI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Acting Chair Schock requested TAC and POC chairs to confine their reports to a brief summary of any key recommendations, emphasizing any issues requiring an action from the Commission. The Acting Chair requested if the TAC/POC requires Commission action, to frame the needed action in the form of a proposed motion. This will ensure that the Commission understands exactly what the TACs and POCs are recommending, and the subsequent action requested of the Commission. Acceptance of a committee report does not approve any recommendations contained within the report, and specific recommendations must be considered by separate motions. Committee reports are linked to the following URL (*Linked to Commission's October 13, 2020 Agenda*):

http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/commission/FBC_1020/index.htm

Education POC

Commissioner Dean presented the POC's report and recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the POC's report as presented/posted (October 1, 2020).

Hurricane Research Advisory Committee

Jeff Blair presented the Committee's report and recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the HRAC report as presented/posted (October 2, 2020).

Product Approval POC

Commissioner Compton presented the POC's report and recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the POC's report and Facilitator's summary report as presented/posted (October 1, 2020).

XVII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS AND ISSUES

Acting Chair Schock invited Commission members to offer any general comments to the Commission, or identify any issues or agenda items for the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Comments:

- Jim Schock: thanked the commissioners who rolled-off the Commission for their efforts, the commissioners in general for their work, welcomed the new commissioners, and stated that the Commission has a great consensus-based process and Building Code as a result.
- Jim Schock: stated that the Commission/HRAC should decide on topical issue research project priorities and then researchers could submit proposals designed to address the Commission's research priorities.

- Tom Campbell: reported that DBPR’s webmail system is down and staff is not able to receive emails. Tom noted that if anyone sent an email and did not receive a response they should either call him or Mo directly.

XVIII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were offered an opportunity to provide comment during each of the Commission’s substantive discussion agenda items. In addition, Acting-Chair Schock invited members of the public to address the Commission on any issues under the Commission’s purview.

Public Comments:

- Arlene Stuart, AZS Consulting: asked about the status of compliance software development for the 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code.
- Mo Madani: responded that FSEC is working on software, and on determining whether the requirements of the 2020 FECC meet or exceed the requirements of the 2018 IECC, so the Commission can certify equivalency to the residential and commercial provisions of the Code.
- Arlene Stuart, AZS Consulting: indicated that the Commission should expand research proposal topics to more than hurricane resistance research.
- Eric Stafford, IBHS: wanted to clarify that IBHS was not behind or advocating for support of FDEM’s proposed research project.

XIX. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW AND ISSUES

The December 15, 2020 meeting will focus on the Commission’s regular procedural and substantive issues, and any relevant rule development initiatives. The meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting.

(Attachment 5—Commission Meeting Schedule)

OTHER COMMISSION ACTIONS

All Commission actions taken during the October 13, 2020 meeting are reflected under specific agenda items.

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS FROM THE OCTOBER 13, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING

All Commission actions taken during the October 13, 2020 meeting are reflected under specific agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

After a closing roll call confirmed that the Commission retained a quorum (23 of the 24 Commission members who responded to the opening roll call), the Acting-Chair thanked Commission members, staff and the public for their participation, and adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

ATTACHMENT 1
FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING EVALUATION RESULTS

OCTOBER 13, 2020—VIRTUAL MEETING VIA WEBINAR AND TELECONFERENCE

Average rank using a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means totally disagree and 10 means totally agree.

Number of Respondents: 15 of 24 (63% response rate) Commissioners participating in the virtual meeting completed meeting evaluations.

1. OVERALL MEETING ASSESSMENT.

- 9.9 ___ The background information was very useful.
- 9.9 ___ The agenda packet was very useful.
- 9.9 ___ The objectives for the meeting were stated at the outset.
- 9.9 ___ Overall, the objectives of the meeting were fully achieved.

2. COMMISSIONERS LEVEL OF AGREEMENT THAT THE MEETING OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED.

- 9.9 ___ Chair's Discussion Issues and Recommendations.
- 9.9 ___ Executive Director's Announcements and Discussions.
- 9.9 ___ 8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code Workplan and Schedule Review.
- 9.9 ___ Rule Workshop on 61G20-2.001.
- 9.6 ___ Further Consideration of FDEM's Proposed Research Project.
- 9.8 ___ Applications for Accessibility Waiver Applications Approvals.
- 9.7 ___ Applications for Products and Product Approval Entities Approvals.
- 9.9 ___ Applications for Accreditor and Course Approvals.
- 9.7 ___ Legal Report Briefing.
- 9.9 ___ TAC, POC, Committee, and Workgroup Reports and Recommendations.

3. HOW WELL THE FACILITATOR HELPED THE COMMISSIONERS ENGAGE IN THE MEETING.

- 9.9 ___ The members followed the direction of the Facilitator.
- 9.9 ___ The Facilitator made sure the concerns of all members were heard.
- 9.9 ___ The Facilitator helped us arrange our time well.
- 9.9 ___ Commission actions were documented accurately in Facilitator's Report (previous meeting).

4. COMMISSIONERS LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE MEETING.

- 9.9 ___ Overall, I am very satisfied with the meeting.
- 9.9 ___ I was very satisfied with the services provided by the Facilitator.
- 9.9 ___ I am satisfied with the outcome of the meeting.

5. HOW WELL THE NEXT STEPS WERE COMMUNICATED.

- 9.9 ___ I know what the next steps following this meeting will be.
- 9.9 ___ I know who is responsible for the next steps.

6. WHAT COMMISSIONERS LIKED BEST ABOUT THE MEETING.

- Really appreciate how the web meetings are conducted. Very organized and keeping everyone on track.
- Great meeting Jeff!
- Some had their video turned on.
- Background noise was the least yet. Very good work, especially with the number of callers present.
- Well run meeting.

7. COMMENTS REGARDING HOW THE MEETING COULD HAVE BEEN IMPROVED.

- Not sure why we spent so much time discussing the Research Project. We had rejected it at the previous meeting and the HRAC rejected it again so not sure why it was discussed again.
- Better internet connections.

8. FEEDBACK ON HOW THE VIRTUAL MEETING WORKED AND COULD BE IMPROVED.

- Jeff always does a great job of facilitating these meetings online. I am always impressed on how he keeps the meeting moving forward but always allows the stakeholders to speak.
- A mid-morning break would have been appreciated.
- Have a “Raise your hand” button.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE COMMENTS PROVIDED ABOVE

- None offered.

ATTACHMENT 2
OCTOBER 13, 2020 MEETING AGENDA

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
PLENARY SESSION
OCTOBER 13, 2020
TELECONFERENCE/WEBINAR

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Minutes).
- To Consider/Decide on Chair's Discussion Issues/Recommendations.
- To Consider/Decide on Executive Director Announcements and Discussions.
- To Receive Information Regarding the Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023), Workplan.
- To Conduct Rule Workshop on Rule 61G20-2.001, Commission Organization and Operations.
- To Further Consider/Decide on FDEM's Proposed Research Project.
- To Consider/Decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- To Consider/Decide on Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- To Consider Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval.
- To Receive a Briefing Regarding Legal Report.
- To Consider/Decide on Petition for Declaratory Statement.
- To Receive/Decide on Reports and Recommendations from Committees.
- To Hear Public Comment.
- To Identify Needed Next Steps, Assignments, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

COMMISSION COMMITTEES—WEBINAR AND TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS

October 1, 2020	9:00 a.m.	Education Program Oversight Committee
October 1, 2020	10:00 a.m.	Product Approval Program Oversight Committee
October 1, 2020	1:00 p.m.	Accessibility Advisory Council
October 2, 2020	1:00 p.m.	Hurricane Research Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA—OCTOBER 13, 2020

All Agenda Times—including Adjournment—are Approximate and Subject to Change

8:30 a.m.	1.)	Welcome and Opening, Roll Call Virtual Meeting Participation Process Guidelines
	2.)	Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
	3.)	Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Facilitator's Summary Report for August 4, 2020
	4.)	Chair's Discussion Issues: Milestones:
	5.)	Executive Director Announcements and Discussions: Tentative Composition of the Florida Building Commission on 1/1/21

	<p>Updated Florida Building Commission Members' Contact Information</p> <p>Future Meetings:</p> <p>December 15, 2020 - Hyatt Regency, Sarasota, Florida or Webinar TBD February 9, 2021-Webinar or TBD April 13, 2021-Webinar or TBD</p>
6.)	To Receive Information Regarding the Florida Building Code, 8 th Edition, (2023) Workplan
7.)	<p>Conduct Rule Workshop on Rule 61G20-2.001, Commission Organization and Operations</p> <p>Current Draft of Rule 61G20-2.001</p> <p>Additional Options Based on DBPR and Public Comments</p> <p>Stakeholder's Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FHBA Comment 8/21 2. <p>Resources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 553.75, Florida Statutes 2. Rule 61G20-2.001
8.)	<p>Further Evaluation and Consideration of the following FY 2020/2021 Research Project:</p> <p>Prepare Draft Florida Building Code Appendix with Optional Enhanced Construction Techniques for the Wind, Flood, and Storm Surge Provisions – (Steve Martin Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM)/\$23,925)</p> <p>Supplemental Information from FDEM</p>
9.)	<p>Accessibility Waiver Applications: (Accessibility Advisory Council Report)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TopFlite Manufacturing Building– Waiver 481 - SW corner of SW 142 AVE & SE 14 CT, Homestead 33035 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor. 2. Interstruct Orlando Office – Waiver 473 - 814 West Church St, Orlando 32805 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the mezzanine. 3. Sanctuary MiMo – Waiver 480 - 7610 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Beach 33138 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor. 4. Redgrave & Rosenthal Office Building Renovation & Addition – Waiver 479 - 14881 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach 33446 – Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.

		<p>5. 119 Grand Avenue Alteration – Waiver 476 - 119 Grand Avenue, Coral Gables 33133 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.</p> <p>6. David Goodson, Property Owner – Waiver 468 - 310 Bradford Road, Tallahassee 32303 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.</p> <p>7. Historic Munroe House – Waiver 474 - 133 N. Gadsden St., Tallahassee 32301 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.</p>
	10.)	Applications for Product (2017)(2020) and Entity Approval
	11.)	Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval
	12.)	Legal Report Repeal of Rule 61G20-3.010
	13.)	Committee Reports: Education Program Oversight Committee (10/1/2020) Hurricane Research Advisory Committee (10/2/2020) Product Approval Program Oversight Committee (10/1/2020)
	14.)	Commissioner Comment
	15.)	Public Comment
	16.)	Adjourn Commission Plenary Session

ATTACHMENT 3
KEY TO COMMON ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
ADAAG	ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities
BCSA	Florida Building Code System Assessment
BOAF	Building Officials Association of Florida
DACS or FDACS	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
DBPR	Department of Business and Professional Regulations
DCA	Department of Community Affairs (Abolished 2011)
DEP or FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
DOH or FDOH	Florida Department of Health
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FACBC	Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction
FAR	Florida Administrative Register (previously FAW)
FBC	Florida Building Code
FBC	Florida Building Commission
FECC	Florida Energy and Conservation Code
IBC	International Building Code
ICC	International Code Council
POC	Program Oversight Committee (Education and Product Approval)
SAD	ADA Standards for Accessibility Design
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 4

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION HISTORY AND OVERVIEW

HISTORY

Following Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and Hurricane Opal in 1995, Florida experienced record-breaking insurance losses resulting in a crisis affecting every homeowner in the state. The Governor appointed a Building Code Study Commission, and the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium designed and facilitated a two-year study and deliberation process with the 28 members representing a range of interests in the public and private sectors, through which the Commission evaluated the building code system.

The study revealed that building code adoption and enforcement was inconsistent throughout the state and even local codes thought to be the strongest proved inadequate when tested by major hurricane events. The consequences were devastation to lives and economies and a statewide property insurance crisis. The Commission recommended reform of the state building construction system which placed emphasis on uniformity and accountability. The Study Commission recommended a Florida Building Code System comprised of *Five Foundations for a Better Built Environment* described as: I. The Code; II. The Commission; III. Local Administration of the Code; IV. Strengthening Compliance and Enforcement; and, V. Product Approval.

The legislature enacted the consensus recommendations into law in 1998. In late 1998, the FCRC Consensus Center was asked by the Commission's chair to assist the newly created Florida Building Commission in its effort to build consensus for a uniform building code proposal. A complex consensus building process was put in place that included designing and facilitating meetings of 12 balanced technical advisory groups of 11 members each appointed by the Commission, as well as the Commission's meetings. Facilitated Solutions, LLC continues to work with the Commission by providing facilitation and consensus-building services using the same process and facilitator.

OVERVIEW

COMMISSION REPRESENTATION. The Florida Building Commission is a 27-member representative stakeholder group who successfully created, implemented, and maintains and updates the statewide Florida Building Code. The Commission is comprised of the Chair, and 26 members appointed to represent specific stakeholder groups. They are as follows: four code officials, two state government representatives, a local government representative, a representative of persons with disability, a structural engineer, a mechanical engineer, representatives of fire protection technology, the building management industry, and the insurance industry, a general contractor, residential contractor, mechanical contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor, roofing/sheet metal/air conditioning contractor, a manufactured building representative, a building product manufacturer, a swimming pool contractor, a representative of the green building industry, a natural gas system distribution representative, and a member representing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Energy.

CONSENSUS PROCESS. The Florida Building Commission (FBC) seeks to develop consensus decisions on its recommendations and policy decisions. General consensus is a participatory process whereby, on matters of substance, the members strive for agreements which all of the members can accept, support, live with or agree not to oppose. In instances where, after vigorously exploring possible ways to enhance the members' support for the final decision on substantive decisions, and the Commission finds that 100 percent acceptance or support is not achievable, final decisions require at least 75 percent favorable vote of all members present and voting. This super majority decision rule underscores the importance of actively developing consensus throughout the process on substantive issues with the participation of all members and which all can live with and support.

The Commission's consensus process is conducted as an open public process with multiple opportunities for the public to provide input to the Commission on substantive issues. At each Commission meeting, the public is welcome to speak during the public comment opportunity provided for each substantive issue under consideration, as well as general public comment periods provided at the end of each meeting. In addition, most substantive issues before the Commission go through a technical advisory committee review or workgroup process where consensus recommendations are developed by appointed representative stakeholder groups, providing additional opportunities for public input. In addition many of the Commission's decisions require rule development to implement, affording additional entry points for public comment.

Since its formation in July of 1998, the Commission has demonstrated a commitment to working with affected interests to build consensus on complex issues. The adoption of the first edition of the Florida Building Code (2001 Edition), developed from September 1998 through January of 2001, involved 27 Commission meetings, dozens of facilitated public workshops and hundreds of TAC meetings. The Commission has consistently worked with all affected interests to build the best possible consensus-based decisions for the citizens of Florida. Through its committees and workgroups comprised of experts, the Commission has always developed its decisions based on the results of the best engineering and science available. Since 1999 the Commission has convened 68 special issue stakeholder workgroups to develop broad based consensus recommendations on issues of concern to stakeholders. Although the Code is by law a minimum building code, the Florida Building Code is the strongest consensus and science based building code in the country. The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) ranked the Florida Building Code as number one in their 2018 assessment of residential building code enforcement systems for life safety and property protection in hurricane prone regions.

ATTACHMENT 5
COMMISSION'S UPDATED MEETING SCHEDULE AND 2020 CODE UPDATE WORKPLAN
UPDATED OCTOBER 13, 2020

COMMISSION MEETING DATES FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

August 4, 2020	Webinar/Teleconference Virtual Meeting
October 13, 2020	Webinar/Teleconference Virtual Meeting
December 15, 2020	Webinar/Teleconference Virtual Meeting
February 9, 2021	TBD
April 13, 2021	TBD
June 8, 2021	Hyatt Regency Sarasota or virtual meeting TBD

COMMISSION'S 2020 CODE UPDATE DEVELOPMENT WORKPLAN

7TH EDITION (2020) FBC CODE UPDATE DEVELOPMENT TASKS

7TH EDITION (2020) UPDATE TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE—	
TASK	SCHEDULE
<i>Primary Code Development Phase:</i>	
2017 NEC published and available to the public;	10/2016
2018 International Codes published and available to the public;	09/2017
Commission selects 2018 I Codes “model codes” and 2017 NEC to conduct its review	10/10/2017
Staff post complete listing of the code changes to the I Codes online	1/2/2018
Staff post on Commission website analysis of the 2018 I-Code change (Tracking Charts and code change monographs)	5/1/2018
TACs review the 2018 changes to the I Codes and make recommendations to the Commission regarding those changes that are needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state. TACs meetings - 11-day on-site meetings – for more detail see TAC meeting schedule	06/7-22/2018
Staff post TACs’ recommendations online for further public review	7/7/2018
Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup (RCCIWG) review the TACs’ recommendations with regard to the 2018 changes to the International Residential Code (IRC) and provide comments to the Commission on impactful code changes. RCCIWG meeting – on-site meeting (Orlando Marriott Lake Mary)	7/30/2018
Deadline for requesting amendments (2018 I-Codes changes) to be pulled of the consent agenda for individual consideration	9/3/2018
Commission considers TACs’ recommendations regarding the latest changes to	10/8-9/2018

the model codes that are needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state – on site meeting (Embassy Suites - Sarasota)	
Staff post Commission’s recommendations online	11/1/2018
Period for public to propose modifications to the 6 th Edition (2017) FBC and the Commission’s approved changes to the model codes needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state	11/2/2018 – 12/15/2018
Proposed amendments reviewed by staff and posted to the Commission website	1/2/2019
1 st 45 day comment period ends (<i>By law -45 day min before TAC review</i>)	2/18/2019
Staff post on Commission website proposed code changes (Tracking Charts and Detail Reports)	3/1/2019
TACs consider proposed modifications (1 st 45 day comment period) TACs meetings - 4-day on-site meetings	3/14-26/2019
TACs recommendations posted to the website (Total mods – 1058; AS – 664; AM – 25; NAR – 339; and W – 30) Starting date for the 2 nd 45 day comment period	4/12/2019
Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup (RCCIWG) reviews the TACs’ recommendations with regard to the proposed modifications to the Florida Residential Code (FRC) and provides comments to the TACs/Commission on impactful code changes.	5/6/2019
RCCIWG meeting – on-site meeting (Gainesville)	
2 nd 45 day comment period ends (<i>by law – 45 day min before Commission review</i>)	5/26/2019
Staff post on Commission website proposed code changes with comments (Tracking Chats and Details Reports)	6/21/2019
TACs consider public comments on their actions on the proposed mods TACs meetings – 4-day meetings [2-day on-site (Gainesville) and 2 – day via conference/webinar] – As needed and as applicable	7/9-12/2019
Staff post on Commission website TACs consideration of public comments	7/22/2019
Commission considers TAC recommendations (2 nd 45 day comment period) Commission – 2-day meeting	8/13-14/2019
7 th Edition (2020) FBC (6 th Edition (2017) FBC, Florida Supplement and Commission’s approved I Codes) posted online	9/19/2019
Provide Supplements to ICC for integration into the 6th Edition (2017) FBC	
TACs review comments to Rule Development Workshop of February 11, 2020 and make recommendations to the Commission TACs meetings - 3-day on-site meetings and 3-day conference call/webinar meetings	1/23-31/2020
Rule development Workshop Commission – 1-day meeting	February 11, 2020

TACs review comments to Rule Development Workshop of April 7, 2020 and make recommendations to the Commission	3/24-25/2020
TACs meetings - 2-day conference call/webinar meetings	
Rule development Workshops	April 7, 2020
Commission – 1-day meeting	
Integrated Draft 7 th Edition (2020) FBC – Posted online	April 20, 2020
<i>Hearing</i> on 7 th Edition (2020) FBC to consider received comments	June 2, 2020
<i>Final Rule Hearing</i> on 7 th Edition (2020) FBC/Commission approves final version of Code 7 th Edition (2020) Florida Fire Prevention Code available in final format	No hearing requested
Rule Submitted to Secretary of State and Supplement/Integrated posted online – subject to addressing all JAPC’s concerns	Rule is in process to be filed with Department of State
Final FBC -PDF posted	Week of July 27th
Printed Code available - subject to negotiation with ICC	Week of August 17th
2020FBC (7th edition) effective date (6 – months after publication)	12/31/2020
553.73(7)(e) A rule updating the Florida Building Code in accordance with this subsection shall take effect <u>no sooner than 6 months</u> after publication of the updated code. Any amendment to the Florida Building Code which is adopted upon a finding by the commission that the amendment is necessary to protect the public from immediate threat of harm takes effect immediately.	

ATTACHMENT 6
COMMISSION'S 2023 CODE UPDATE DEVELOPMENT WORKPLAN

8TH EDITION (2023) FBC CODE UPDATE DEVELOPMENT TASKS

8TH EDITION (2023) UPDATE TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE—	
TASKS	SCHEDULE
<i>Selection of the model codes:</i>	
2020 NEC published and available to the public;	08/25/2019
2021 International Codes published and available to the public;	TBD
Commission selects 2021 I Codes “model codes” and 2020 NEC to conduct its review	12/15/2020
<i>Review of the model code changes:</i>	
In coordination with ICC, staff post complete listing of the code changes to the I Codes online	1/4/2021
Staff post on Commission website/Building Code Information System (BCIS) analysis of the 2021 I-Code change to provide for identification of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provisions which overlap with the provisions of the FBC - Provisions which correlate directly with the provisions of the FBC - Provisions which provide for energy efficiency standards that meet or exceed the national energy standards mandated by Title III of the Energy Conservation and Protection Act - Provisions which are necessary to maintain eligibility for federal funding and discounts from the National Flood Insurance Program, the Federal Emergency management Agency, or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development 	3/15/2021
Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup (RCCIWG) reviews the 2021 changes to the International Residential Code (IRC) and provides comments to the Commission’s TACs on impactful code changes. RCCIWG meeting – on-site meeting (TBD)	TBD
45 day public review and comment period ends (<i>By Rule -45 day min before TAC review</i>)	4/30/2021
Staff post on Commission website analysis of the 2021 I-Code changes with public comments (Tracking Charts and code change monographs)	5/17/2021
TACs review the 2021 changes to the I Codes and make recommendations to the Commission regarding those changes as follows: That the Commission rejects certain model code provisions by consent agenda. (Due to such issues as being unnecessary, negatively impacting the level of public health, safety, or general welfare provided by an existing Florida Building Code provision, diminishing the requirements of provisions related to wind resistance or	06/17-25/2021

<p>water intrusion, unnecessarily imposing additional costs, or potentially requiring modification or further investigation before being adopted for use in this state)</p> <p>That the Commission approves certain model code provisions by consent agenda.</p> <p>(When considering whether to recommend inclusion on a consent agenda for approval, the TACs shall consider such criteria as whether the model code provisions are editorial or organizational in nature, correct an error, provide clarification, provide for alternative design methods, improve the effectiveness of the code, are uncontroversial to affected stakeholders, or are required by law.)</p> <p>That the Commission approve or reject certain model code provisions after considering them individually</p> <p>(When recommending individual consideration of model code updates, the TACs shall consider such criteria as whether the update has the potential to impose significant costs, cause confusion or regulatory difficulty, may be unnecessary, is highly controversial to affected stakeholders, or requires further evaluation.)</p> <p>TACs meetings – on site - TBD</p>	
Staff post TACs’ recommendations online for further public review	7/15/2021
Deadline for requesting amendments (2021 I-Codes changes) to be pulled of the consent agenda for individual consideration	9/17/2021
Commission considers TACs’ recommendations regarding the latest changes to the model codes - on site meeting (TBD)	10/11-12/2021
Staff post Commission’s recommendations online	11/1/2021
<i>Proposed modification to the foundation code and Commission’s approved I –Codes changes</i>	
Period for public to propose modifications to the 7 th Edition (2020) FBC and the Commission’s approved I-Codes changes	11/2/2021 – 12/15/2021
Proposed amendments reviewed by staff and posted to the Commission website	1/3/2022
1 st 45 day comment period ends (<i>By law -45 day min before TAC review</i>)	2/18/2022
Staff post on Commission website proposed code changes (Tracking Charts and Detail Reports)	3/1/2022
TACs consider proposed modifications (1 st 45 day comment period) TACs meetings - 4-day on-site meetings	3/21-24/2022
TACs recommendations posted to the website Starting date for the 2 nd 45 day comment period	4/12/2022
Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup (RCCIWG) reviews the TACs’ recommendations with regard to the proposed modifications to the Florida Residential Code (FRC) and provides comments to the TACs/Commission on impactful code changes.	5/6/2022
RCCIWG meeting – on-site meeting (TBD)	
2 nd 45 day comment period ends (<i>by law – 45 day min before Commission review</i>)	5/26/2022
Staff post on Commission website proposed code changes with comments (Tracking Chats and Details Reports)	6/21/2022

TACs consider public comments on their actions on the proposed mods TACs meetings – 4-day meetings [2-day on-site (TBD) and 2 – day via conference/webinar] – As needed and as applicable	7/11-14/2022
Staff post on Commission website TACs consideration of public comments	7/22/2022
Commission considers TAC recommendations (2 nd 45 day comment period) Commission – 2-day meeting	8/15-16/2022
8 th Edition (2023) FBC (7 th Edition (2020) FBC, Florida Supplement and Commission’s approved I Codes) posted online	9/19/2022
<i>Provide Supplements to ICC for integration into the 7th Edition (2020) FBC</i>	
TACs review comments to Rule Development Workshop of February 13, 2020 and make recommendations to the Commission TACs meetings - 3-day on-site meetings and 3-day conference call/webinar meetings	1/23-30/2023
Rule development Workshop Commission – 1-day meeting	February 13, 2023
TACs review comments to Rule Development Workshop of April 11, 2023 and make recommendations to the Commission TACs meetings - 2-day conference call/webinar meetings	3/23-24/2023
Rule development Workshops Commission – 1-day meeting	April 11, 2023
Integrated Draft 8 th Edition (2023) FBC – Posted online	April 20, 2023
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Final Rule Hearing on 8 th Edition (2023) FBC/Commission approves final version of Code 8 th Edition (2023) Florida Fire Prevention Code available in final format	TBD
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