

**Florida Building Commission**

**Attachment to the June 13, 2000 Minutes**

**Facilitators' Report of the June 13, 2000  
Commission Meeting**

*Orlando, Florida*

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**Tuesday, June 13, 2000**

**I. OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION'S KEY DECISIONS**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2000**

**Review and Approval of Agenda and Minutes (April and May 2000)**

The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved the agenda as presented, and unanimously adopted the minutes from the April 2000 and May 2000 Commission meetings.

**Approve/Affirm Ad Hoc and Committee Reports Reviewed at May's Meeting**

The Commission formally adopted the following reports that were submitted and reviewed at May's meeting, and adopted them unanimously, by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor. Manufactured/Prototype Buildings Ad Hoc Report and Recommendations  
Partnership for Building Departments Report and Recommendations

**Product Approval System development process and timelines**

The Commission reviewed the revised product approval system process and timelines that were reviewed in May, and unanimously adopted the refinements by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor.

*(Attachment 2)*

**Commission Decision Procedures for Deciding Whether to Change the Building Code Rule, and for Reviewing Previously Adopted Modifications to the Base Code**

The Commission revised its process and timelines for proposing changes to the Building Code Rule in order to reflect the action taken by the Legislature that requires the Commission to adopt changes and modifications to the Building Code in light of a fiscal impact statement. The revised process was reviewed and adopted unanimously by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor.

*(Attachment 3)*

**Rule Development Workshop for Establishing Criteria for Fiscal Impact Statements Regarding Amendments and Modifications to the FBC**

The Commission conducted a rule development workshop for fiscal impact statement criteria. The Chair introduced a fiscal impact statement form designed by staff to make the process as simple and understandable as possible for proponents offering changes to the rule and for those who have proposed modifications to the base code that have been incorporated into the Florida Building Code. The form provides a simple and efficient means for incorporating the Legislature's intent regarding establishing criteria for fiscal impact statements. There were no comments from the public; however, there was one written comment which was provided to the Commission for their review.

### **Review, Approval, and Proceed with Adoption of Rule for Establishing Criteria for Fiscal Impact Statements Regarding Amendments and Modifications to the FBC**

At the conclusion of the rule development workshop the chair reconvened the plenary session and asked the Commission to review and consider adopting the proposed form that proponents would be required to use in order to propose changes to the Building Code Rule and for reconsidering adopted modifications to the base code.

The Commission approved the following amendment to the form:

A. Impact to local entity relative to Enforcement of Code:

~~A. Impact to local authority relative to Enforcement of the Code:~~

All proponents must return a completed fiscal impact statement form by close of business, June 29, 2000.

After discussion, the Commission unanimously adopted the fiscal impact statement criteria form as amended and moved to proceed with rule adoption, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor.

*(Attachment 4)*

### **Special Closed Commission Meeting to Review Rule Challenges to the Building Code Rule**

Chairman Rodriguez indicated to the Commission that in order to complete the rule adoption process for the fiscal impact statement criteria as well as to complete rule adoption for the Building Code Rule in a timely manner, he was directing staff to schedule a closed session at the July meeting in order to discuss the pending rule challenges to the Building Code Rule, and decide how the Commission should proceed with responding to and resolving the rule challenges in the most effective manner. The Sunshine laws allow closed meetings for this purpose and the Chair indicated that participation in the closed session will be confined to the Commission, staff, and facilitators.

### **Review Workplan and Identify Any Additional Tasks for Commission Consideration**

The Commission reviewed a proposal for a comprehensive reorganization of the workplan designed to organize tasks by priority. Those tasks that are required by Legislation from HB 219 and those that are mandated for annual review by the Legislature are scheduled for completion prior to those tasks not specifically required for delivery to the 2001 Legislature.

The proposed workplan was reorganized into six (6) categories:

- HB 219 mandates the Commission must deliver prior to the 2001 session
- The Education system schedule reflecting what the Commission has already reviewed and approved
- Ongoing Legislative tasks
- Tasks under development that were mandated by HB 4181
- Various procedural tasks; and
- Previously established Commission priorities

The Commission was asked to review and refine the workplan from the perspective of what has to be accomplished this year, required resources from a staffing and fiscal perspective, and how they would like to prioritize those tasks that are not specifically mandated for delivery to the 2001 Legislative session.

After review the Commission identified one additional task to add to the list:

**Board of Appeals Process**

Commissioner Shaw proposed the addition and offered the following clarifications:

- Define the Commission’s procedures for when/how it will receive and act on appeals from local boards
- The issue of timelines in the process
- Will this address local jurisdictions?
- Administrative Procedures Committee will review and consider whether or not to recommend any changes to the workplan.

The Commission indicated their support for the reorganized workplan and affirmed that it contained all of the tasks for their consideration during the coming year.

In addition, the Commission approved by a vote of 16 –2 in favor moving the October Commission meeting dates from October 9 –10 to October 16 – 17, 2000.

*(Attachment 5)*

**Prioritization of Tasks Not Mandated by HB 219; and, Review of Workplan Tasks Prioritization Exercise Results**

The Commission was asked to prioritize those tasks not required for 2001 Legislative session delivery according to the following five criteria:

- **Importance** from the perspective you represent on the Commission
- **Urgency:** Things will get worse or will not be addressed if not taken up by the Commission
- **Mandated** task for the Commission by the Legislature
- **Doability:** It is possible to take up and reach conclusions on in terms of time/resources?
- **Likelihood of Success:** Commission’s focus on this issue will produce useful results

The results of the Commission’s prioritization exercise are shown below:

**Workplan Task Ranking Exercise Results**

Task	Rank	Raw Total	Start Range	Finish Range
Code Dissemination (O)	1	175	4/00 – 10/00	8/00 – 2/01
Prototype Buildings (P)	2	163	6/00 – 4/01	9/00 – 7/01
Rules of Procedure (Q)	3	161	6/00 – 1/01	8/00 – 7/01
Board of Appeals Process (R)	4	148	6/00 – 1/01	8/00 – 11/01
Technical Code Support (S)	5	146	7/00 – 1/01	10/00 – 7/01
State & Building Depts. (T)	6	145	7/00 – 6/01	10/00 – 12/01
Commentary (U)	7	140	6/00 – 6/01	9/00 – 5/02
Vol. Stds Building Depts. (V)	8	135	5/00 – 7/01	10/00 – 12/02
Funding – Code Enforce. (W)	9	129	7/00 – 7/02	8/00 – 7/03
FBC – DCA Roles (X)	10	124	6/00 – 1/01	9/00 – 7/01
Privatization (Y)	11	116	5/00 – 3/01	11/00 – 12/01
Bldg. Rating System (X)	12	113	7/00 – 7/01	9/00 – 12/01
FBC/IBC Transition (AA)	13	100	12/00 – 1/03	10/00 – 12/02

### **Discussion of Project to Identify Transition Training Requirements for the FBC and Develop Training Delivery Program**

Chairman Rodriguez reminded the Commission that they still have many issues to consider and resolve in order to finalize the code, and felt it was critical to make sure that they don't lose track of the big picture while focusing on their more narrowly oriented need to complete the code. He underscored that he believes the Education System will be crucial in order to effect an efficient transition to, and implementation of, the Florida Building Code, as well as to ensure effective compliance and enforcement of the code. He stated that it is important that a study be conducted in order to review the differences that may exist between the current practice and enforcement of the code in the field, and the actual requirements of the Florida Building Code. This information will assist the Commission to make recommendations for the next phase of the Education system from the perspective of both transition training and the development of advanced training modules that the Legislature has mandated the Commission to develop

Rick Dixon reviewed the need for transition training information with the Commission, and the Chair asked for a motion to that effect.

Commissioner D'Andrea proposed that staff be given authorization to conduct a needs assessment in conjunction with building departments and industry associations, and to develop and a plan of action proposing any needed contracts in order to compile the research necessary to assist the Commission with the development of their Education Training System recommendations.

The Commission approved the recommendation unanimously by a 19 – 0 vote in favor.

#### **Discussion comments:**

- Need to get all of the parties together and review from an enforcement perspective (i.e., BOAF chapters).
- Provide CEU credits with the training.
- Ask building department personnel what assistance for training is available and what additional support they need.
- Target curriculum to specific professionals such as architects, engineers, and plans examiners.
- Need to develop training.
- Need to work with Miami-Dade and Broward to assist them.

### **Threshold Inspector Committee Report and Recommendations**

Commissioner Mehlretter presented the committee's report and the Commission unanimously approved the report and recommendations by a 19 – 0 vote in favor. It was noted that this would be the last Commission review of Threshold Inspector applications as the Legislature transferred authority from the Commission.

### **Code Dissemination Ad Hoc Report and Recommendations**

Commissioner Wiggins presented the committee's report and recommendations. After adding code commentary documents to the scope of work with SBCCI for negotiating copyright agreements, and directing that Miami- Dade and Broward be provided with camera ready copies of the FBC, the Commission unanimously approved the report and recommendations as amended by a 19 – 0 vote in favor.

*(Attachment 6)*

### **Manufactured/Prototype Buildings Ad Hoc Report and Recommendations**

Commissioner Kopczynski presented the Ad Hoc's report and recommendations, and the Commission unanimously approved the report and recommendations by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor.

*(Attachment 7)*

### **Partnership for Building Departments Report and Recommendations**

Commissioner D'Andrea presented the Ad Hoc's report and recommendations, and the Commission unanimously approved the report and recommendations by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor.

*(Attachment 8)*

### **Plans Review Criteria Ad Hoc Report and Recommendations**

Commissioner D'Andrea presented the Ad Hoc's report and recommendations, and the Commission unanimously approved the report and recommendations by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor.

*(Attachment 9)*

### **Product Approval Ad Hoc Progress Report**

Commissioner Mehlretter presented the committee's report and the Commission unanimously approved the report and by a 19 - 0 vote in favor.

*(Attachment 10)*

### **Plumbing TAC Report and Recommendations**

Commissioner Shaw presented the committee's report and the Commission unanimously approved the report by a 19 - 0 vote in favor.

*(Attachment 11)*

### **Legal Staff Reports: Declaratory Statement & Accessibility Waiver Appeal**

There were no issues to report at this time from legal staff.

### **Accessibility TAC Report and Recommendations**

Commissioner Shaw presented the committee's report and recommendations and the Commission unanimously approved the report and recommendations by a 18 - 0 vote in favor.

*(Attachment 12)*

### **Consideration of Accessibility Waiver Applications**

The Commission reviewed and decided on the Waiver applications brought to them for consideration.

### **Joint Building Fire TAC**

Commissioner Kopczynski presented the committees report and, and the Commission unanimously approved the report by a vote of 17 - 0 in favor.

*(Attachment 13)*

## **Update on Proposed Amendments/Changes to Building Code Rule for July Consideration**

Chairman Rodriguez explained that in accordance with the criteria the Commission has adopted for his use in reviewing proposed changes to the Building Code Rule that he has decided to forward approximately 82 issues for the Commission's consideration. He explained that there is technical merit to some of the additional proposed changes and that the Commission may choose to review them with the Ad Hocs or TACs and propose them for consideration during the annual code review process once the code becomes effective. The Chair indicated that for the 29 already approved modifications to the base code that have received public comment, he will be forwarding the fiscal impact statement form to the proponents to provide them with a reasonable opportunity to comply with the Legislature's mandate requiring a fiscal impact statement.

Those proponents that provide a fiscal impact statement will be forwarded to the Commission for their consideration on a consent agenda and the Commission will move to adopt them at the July meeting. In addition, any Commission member may pull off any modification for individual consideration and vote by the Commission.

The Chair indicated that each of the proposed changes and previously adopted modifications to the base code having received public comment would be forwarded to the appropriate chairs so they may monitor their status relative to fiscal impact statements.

## **Review Committee Assignments for July's Commission Meeting**

Following are the Ad Hoc committees and TACs that will meet prior to the July 11 Commission plenary session. The schedule may change based on the review of the workplan and the need to address specific issues.

Manufactured/Prototype Buildings Ad Hoc

Product Approval Ad Hoc (July 10)

Code Dissemination Ad Hoc

## **Commission Direction to Staff**

The Commission directed staff to deliver the following items:

- Provide them with copies of rule challenges to Building Code Rule in advance of the July meeting
- Provide them with the adopted final version of the fiscal impact statement form
- Send list of previously approved base code modifications which must be reviewed to TAC chairs ASAP
- Keep TAC chairs apprised on status of modification proponent's response to request for fiscal impact information
- Email copy of the plans review committee's recommendations for plans review procedures to all commissioners and post on the website
- Email results of commission's ranking of tasks for workplan development

# Attachment 1

## Meeting Evaluation Results

June 13, 2000—Orlando, Florida

How well did the Commission achieve the meeting objectives?

	<u>Circle One</u>					<u>Avg</u>
	<u>Good</u>	<u>Poor</u>				
Adoption of Reports and Recommendations Reviewed in May	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.66</b>
Rule Development Workshop for Criteria for Fiscal Impact Statements	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.53</b>
Adoption of Criteria for Fiscal Impact Statements	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.46</b>
Review, Refinement, and Prioritization of Workplan	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.80</b>
Discussion on Code Transition Training Requirements	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.53</b>
Update on Proposed Amendments/Changes to FBC	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.53</b>
Review and Decision on Accessibility Waiver Applications	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.33</b>
Threshold Inspector Committee Report	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.60</b>
Code Dissemination Ad Hoc Report and Recommendations	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.46</b>
Manufactured/Prototype Buildings Ad Hoc Report	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.53</b>
Accessibility TAC Report and Recommendations	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.53</b>
Update on Proposed Amendments/Changes to Building Code Rule	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.46</b>
Partnership for Building Department Ad Hoc Report	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.66</b>
Plans Review Criteria Ad Hoc Report	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.57</b>
Product Approval Ad Hoc Report	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.66</b>
Plumbing TAC Report	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.66</b>
Review of Assignments for Next Month	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.76</b>

**Rate the following aspects of the meeting?**

Clarity of the meeting purpose and plan	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.80</b>
Balance of structure and flexibility	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.60</b>
Group involvement and productivity	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.73</b>
Facilitation	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.93</b>
Facility	5	4	3	2	1	<b>4.46</b>

**Comments:**

Spaces are too cold!!

Good meeting.

**What did you like best about the meeting?**

Good facilitation, good work by Ad Hoc Committees.

Progress in resolving the product approval system.

Comfortable facility.

The Polish Guy!

**How could the meeting have been improved?**

Staff needs to prevent scheduling meetings of Ad Hocs that conflict with Commissioners ability to be in more than one meeting at a time.

More Polish Guy!



## Attachment 2

### Product Approval System Development Process Timelines for Key Elements (Unanimously Adopted March 2000 and Amended June 2000)

#### Product Approval System Timelines

- The Product Approval Ad Hoc will meet and report monthly to the Commission, and deliver their final recommendations to the Commission by the December 2000 meeting in order to meet the statutory requirements adopted by the Legislature.
- ~~Review Ad Hoc's report on system development status at the April 2000 meeting.~~
- ~~Review Ad Hoc's preliminary recommendations on proposed system at the May 2000 meeting.~~
- Adopt Amendatory Text of State Product Approval System including elements integration of stakeholder's recommendations and elements of Miami-Dade's Product Control System at the December 2000 June 2000 meeting.
- Review and decide on amendments to the Product Approval System and present recommendations to the 2001 Florida Legislature and move to proceed with the rule adoption process at July 2000 meeting at the January 2001 meeting.
- ~~Public hearings on proposed rule: August/September 2000.~~

#### Development Process

*The Commission will utilize the same decision-making process used for the development of the Building Code:*

*Both the Florida Building Commission and the Product Approval Ad Hoc will seek consensus decisions on particular issues and their package of recommendations for developing the State Product Approval System and for the Commission's Final Recommendations to the Legislature.*

*The Commission's Consensus building and decision making process is a participatory one whereby on matters of substance, the members jointly strive for agreements which all of the members can accept, support or at least agree not to oppose. In instances where, after vigorously exploring possible ways to enhance the members' support for the final decision on an issue or package of recommendations, and where 100% acceptance or support is not achievable, final decisions of the Commission will require at least a 75% favorable vote of all members present and voting. This super majority decision rule underscores the Commission's view of the importance of seeking and developing agreements with the participation of all members and with which all can live with and support.*

## Amendment Process

- An amendatory text will be adopted at the December 2000 ~~at the June, 2000~~ meeting of the Florida Building Commission.
- The December ~~June~~ Meeting Summary will be mailed to members after the December 2000 meeting ~~on June 22, 2000~~ with amendment forms.
- Deadline for Member Written Amendments—Will be established at the Amendatory Text adoption meeting ~~close of business June 30, 2000.~~
- The Chair will work with staff to organize amendments as editorial and substantive and will move at the January 2001 ~~July 2000~~ meeting the adoption of the editorial amendments as a consent packet. As necessary, the Commission will review and vote separately on any editorial amendment believed to be substantive by any member.
- At the January 2001 ~~July 2000~~ meeting, the Amendment sponsor(s) may accept “friendly” language to their amendments. Amendment sponsors, at the chair’s discretion, may be recognized for brief clarifying comments on the meaning and intent of the amendment. Members or the Chair may request straw polls on amendments.
- Commission members in the room will express consensus or vote on amendments, sections and the overall system or component as amended (no abstentions).
- Consensus reflecting support by 75% or more of the members will be required for inclusion of the amendments, for sections as amended and for the overall System as amended.
- No amendments will be accepted by members from the floor. The Chair may offer amendatory language to seek consensus.

It is anticipated that if the Product Approval Ad Hoc reaches a consensus recommendation prior to the December 2000 Commission meeting, the Chair, or by a 75% in favor vote of the Commission, may elect to move up the dates for amendatory and final adoption of recommendations for the system. These recommendations will be presented to the 2001 Legislature prior to start of session.

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## Attachment 3

### Commission Decision Procedures for Deciding Whether to Change the Florida Building Code Rule (Unanimously Adopted March 2000, Amended April 2000, and Amended June 2000)

#### Florida Building Commission Consensus Decision-Making Procedures

The Commission will sponsor public hearings on the proposed building code rule at its meetings in March and May, on the Florida Building Code that was submitted for rulemaking on February 18, 2000. Any changes to the Florida Building Code Rule would require the Florida Building Commission to publish a notice of change to the code pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes.

**The following process will not apply to those changes specifically mandated by HB 219, which requires the Commission to implement said requirements.**

Following public comment received by May 19, 2000, and in response to Legislative direction mandating consideration of all pending amendments and previously adopted modifications to the Florida Building Code, in light of a fiscal impact statement, the Commission establishes the following process for considering new amendments/changes that may lead to additional consensus on the code by the Commission and for reviewing previously approved modifications to the base code. These procedures will supercede the normal Roberts Rules of Order procedures related to motions and decisions on matters related to changing the rule language.

~~Following public comment in April received by May 19, 2000, the Commission establishes the following process to consider and decide on any changes that may lead to additional consensus on the code by the Commission. These procedures will supercede the normal Roberts Rules of Order procedures related to motions and decisions on matters related to changing the rule language.~~

1. All proposed Commission member proposals for changes on new amendments must be offered to the Chair by close of business on April 21, 2000 for his consideration in light of adopted criteria. Commission members will include a statement of how the proposed amendment addresses the consensus-building criteria listed below. The Chair will decide whether the proposal meets that criteria and submit those that do as a Chair's amendments at the July May 2000 Commission meeting. The Chair may propose additional amendments as a result of public comment received by May 19, 2000.  
~~comments from May's hearings.~~

2. The Chair will review and decide, whether on his own motion or at the request of a Commission member, to sponsor proposed amendments for review at the July May 2000 meeting based on the following criteria:

#### **For reviewing approved modifications to the base codes:**

- All currently adopted modifications that receive public comment and include a fiscal impact statement, will be forwarded to the Commission for their consideration and placed on a consent agenda.

**All changes mandated by Legislation shall be forwarded to the Commission for their formal adoption into the code.**

**For reviewing new changes/amendments to the FBC:**

- The proposed amendment/change can facilitate a greater level of consensus between stakeholders and/or Commissioners on key issues already adopted in the code; or
- The proposed amendment/change can build consensus by responding to public concerns on an issue not directly addressed by the Commission; or
- The proposed amendment/change can build consensus by addressing consequences clearly not intended by the Commission in adopting the Code; and
- On balance, the proposed amendment/change will provide benefits that outweigh the costs in delaying the code adoption process by publishing a notice of change to the Florida Building Code Rule.
- The proposed amendment/change includes a fiscal impact statement.

3. The Chair may elect to convene an Ad Hoc committee of the Commission to make recommendations to the Commission on a proposed amendment.

4. The Commission shall apply the criteria set forth at section 553.73 (7) (a) and (b), Florida Statutes will use the eleven criteria adopted in September and August of 1999 for reviewing and adopting new amendments to the Florida Building Code, and review modifications to the base code, adopted by the commission on or before February 15, 2000, which are identified verbally or in writing during the public hearings on proposed rule 9B-3.047 held pursuant to chapter 120, Florida Statutes, except those integrating state agency construction regulations, high velocity hurricane zone provisions, and those necessary to harmonize the Florida Building Code with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, and shall confirm that such amendments meet the requirements of s. 553.73(7), Florida Statutes, as amended by s. 40, chapter 98-287, Laws of Florida, and subsequently noticing the changes pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes.

5. At the July May, 2000 Commission meeting Commission members who submitted proposals for changes, may at the Chair's discretion, provide a brief explanation of the proposed change, how it complies with the criteria above, and respond to any brief clarifying questions on the meaning and intent of the chair's amendment. The Chair may accept "friendly" amendments" as determined by the Commission member proposing the change.

6. All previously approved modifications to the base codes that receive public comment and include a fiscal impact statement shall be forwarded to the Commission by the Chair, and placed on a consent agenda for Commission consideration. Any Commission member may request that a modification be removed from the consent agenda and placed on a discussion agenda for individual consideration. All discussion agenda items and new proposed amendments will be considered individually by the Commission at July's meeting.

7. 6. Consensus reflecting support by 75% or more of a quorum of the Commission members will be required for approval of the amendments and to initiate a notice of proposed rule change. No amendments will be accepted by members from the floor. The Chair alone may offer amendatory language to seek consensus.

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# Attachment 4

## Fiscal Impact Statement Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Section #: \_\_\_\_\_

Text of Modification [additions underlined; deletions ~~stricken~~]:

Fiscal Impact Information [Provide analysis of the costs of the proposed modification to the code for each the following entities. Cost data should be accompanied by listing of assumptions and supporting documentation. Explain expected benefits.]:

A. Impact to local entity relative to Enforcement of Code:

B. Impact to Building/Property Owners:

C. Impact to Industry:

Please explain how the proposed modification meets the following requirements:

1. Has a reasonable and substantial connection with the health, safety and welfare of the general public:
2. Strengthens or improves the Code and/or provides for equivalent or better products, systems or methods of construction:
3. Does not discriminate against materials, products methods or systems of construction of demonstrated capabilities:
4. Does not degrade the effectiveness of the Code:

**Modifications need to be submitted in electronic form via E-mail to:**  
**tonya.nevins@dca.state.fl.us** FBC-001, Effective date:

# Attachment 5

## Workplan—By Tasks (Reviewed and Prioritized June 2000)

### **I. HB 219 — Tasks Mandated by Statute**

#### **1. Finalize the Code**

##### **A. Establish Criteria for Fiscal Impact Statement of Proposed Amendments and for Reviewing Previously Adopted Modifications to the Base Code That Receive Public Comment Prior to May 19, 2000 [553.73 (7)(a)(b)]**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

*May 2000:* Chair elects to address issue at Commission level.

*June 2000:* Commission holds rule development workshop at June meeting, adopts criteria, and moves to proceed with rule adoption.

*August 2000:* Rulemaking hearing on adopting criteria for fiscal impact statements.

*September/October 2000:* Administrative rule adopted.

##### **B. Plans Review Criteria and Minimum Standards [553.73 (4)(a)]**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

(Including recommendations for emergency management/disaster relief permitting and inspections)

*March 2000:* Commission assigns task to Ad Hoc.

*May- June 2000:* Ad Hoc develops recommendations and reports to the Commission.

*July 2000:* Ad Hoc delivers final recommendations and Commission includes as part of proposed changes to the Building Code Rule.

##### **C. Integrate Standards for State Regulated Facilities Identified in HB 219 [Section 40; 553.73 (1)(2)]**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

*June 2000:* Legal reviews and recommends course of action.

##### **D. Projects Relating to the Building Construction Industry or Continuing Education Programs [HB 219 Section 40 – 489.109 (3)]**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

*September 2000:* Chair appoints Building Construction Issues Ad Hoc and schedules organizational meeting for Ad Hoc.

## **2. Recommendations Mandated by HB 219 for 2001 Legislative Review**

### **E. Product Approval System**

**(553.842—Recommendations on a statewide system for product evaluation and approval)**

#### **Tasks Schedule**

*June, 1999:* TG presents preliminary recommendation to Commission.

*October 1999:* Commission appoints Ad Hoc to make final recommendations

*September-December 1999:* Commission receives public comment on recommendation.

*December 1999:* Ad Hoc convenes and develops recommendations

Commission adopts conceptual design of system.

Commission approved products for approval under the system. [Leg. 7]

*January 2000:* Commission reviews Ad Hoc's preliminary recommendations.

*February 2000:* **Commission approves continuing to develop system until July meeting and to report status to the Legislature**

*May 2000:* Legislature directs Commission to make recommendations and eliminates Commission's rule making authority for the system.

*June 2000:* Commission reviews Legislative direction and establishes new timelines.

*July - November 2000:* Ad Hoc develops recommendations, reviews Commission and public comments, and reports to the Commission.

*December 2000:* Commission adopts amendatory product approval system recommendations.

*January 2001:* Commission decides on amendments and adopts final recommendations to present to the Legislature.

### **F. Examine Applicability of FBC to Storage Sheds and Lawn Storage Buildings [HB 219 – Section 112] Report to 2001 Legislature**

#### **Tasks Schedule**

*July 2000:* Referred to Manufactured Building Ad Hoc

*September 2000:* Ad Hoc identifies key issues and forms workplan.

*November:* Commission approves preliminary recommendations and receives public comment.

*December 2000:* Commission adopts final recommendations.

### **G. Make Recommendations for Exceptions to Buildings Exempt from the Code [553.73 (7) [553.79 (3)(5)(7)(10)(12)(14)(16)]; [HB 219 – Section 112]**

#### **Tasks Schedule**

*January 2000:* Commission appoints Ad Hoc to review and make recommendations.

*July 2000:* Task assigned to Manufactured Building Ad Hoc (M)

*February 2001:* Ad Hoc identifies key issues and forms workplan.

## **II. Education System**

### **H. Information and Communication Support for the Building Code System**

#### **Tasks Schedule**

*September 1999:* Center for Professional Development (at FSU) begins assessment phase for system conceptual design

*December 1999:* Report on assessment phase including system conceptual design

*March 2000:* Report and status update.

*December 2000:* System on line and operational

**I. Refinement and Further Development/ Implementation of the Education/Training Programs for the Florida Building Code [Leg. 13 & 15; HB 219—489.115 Section 42 (4); Section 120 – 481.215 (6); Section 89 – 553.841 (11)(a)(b)(c)]**

**Tasks Schedule**

*April 2000:* Commission reviews and approves workplan for 2000 – 2001.

*June 2000:* Commission discusses transition training requirements.

*August 2000:* Commission Workshop #1: issues identification.

*September 2000:* Facilitated Rule Development Workshop #1 and Commission Workshop #2: identify key stakeholder's and issues and presentations on existing programs

*October 2000:* Commission Workshop #3: Ad Hoc preliminary recommendations

*November 2000:* Commission Workshop #4: Draft recommendations and test for consensus.

*Facilitated Rule Development Workshop #2.*

*December 2000:* Commission Workshop #5: Amendatory text of final recommendations.

*January 2001:* Commission Workshop #6: Review amendment and adopt final recommendations to present to Legislature.

*January/February 2001:* Report submitted to Legislature.

*February – April 2001:* Public feedback reviewed and legislative direction reviewed.

*May 2001:* Commission Workshop #7: Review of Legislative direction and refinement of recommendations.

*June 2001:* Public comment reviewed for potential modifications.

*July 2001:* Rule Adoption finalized

**III. Ongoing Review and Response to Legislative Mandates**

**J. Develop Recommendations to the Legislature for Changes to Existing Laws and Conforming Amendments to Laws [553.77 (1)(a)(b)]**

**Tasks Schedule**

*June – December 2000:* Commission develops recommendations as part of their annual review process and approves recommendations to be included in its report to the 2001 Legislature.

**K. Respond to Legislative Mandates**

**Tasks Schedule**

*June – December 2000:* Commission develops recommendations as part of their annual review process and approves recommendations to be included in its report to the 2001 Legislature.

**L. Annual Report to Legislature**

**Tasks Schedule**

*June – December 2000:* Commission develops recommendations as part of their annual review process and approves recommendations to be included in report to the Legislature.

**M. Administrative Support for the Commission and Code Maintenance (Changes/Updates/Format/Glitches)**

**Tasks Schedule**

*Ongoing:* Commission identifies tasks for staff review and recommendations.

*January Annually:* Commission reviews recommendations and takes action as needed.



#### **IV. Commission Prioritized Tasks**

##### **N. Review Effectiveness of the Manufactured Buildings Regulation and Code Enforcement—s. 553.77(1)(b) [HB 4181 Task] [553.35 – 553.42]**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

*January 2000: Commission adopts amendatory text of recommended changes to law and additional preliminary program recommendations.*

*February 2000: Commission adopts final recommendations on changes to law and additional preliminary program recommendations.*

*March - July 2000: Ad Hoc develops recommendations, reviews Commission and public comments, and reports to the Commission.*

*August 2000: Ad Hoc delivers final recommendations to Commission on effectiveness of manufactured buildings regulation and code enforcement.*

*Commission receives public comment and approves recommendations to be included in its report to the 2001 Legislature.*

##### **O. Code Dissemination Review Royalty and Copyright Agreements and Make Recommendations**

###### **Tasks Schedule:**

*May 2000: Chair appoints Ad Hoc to develop recommendations*

*June 2000: Ad Hoc reports preliminary recommendations to the Commission*

*July 2000: Ad Hoc reports and develops recommendations for the Commission*

##### **P. Establish System for Plans Review and Approval of Prototype Buildings [HB – 4181 Task] [553.77 (6)]**

##### **Q. Establish Commission Rules of Procedure [Procedural Task]**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

*Develop and adopt recommendations for Commission operational and decision-making procedures and adopt by administrative rule.*

##### **R. Board of Appeals Process [Procedural Task]**

##### **S. Technical Support for the Code [Procedural Task]**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

*Recommendations to Commission for ongoing review and support for technical review of the code.*

##### **T. Role of State in Collaborating with Building Inspection Departments**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

*February 2000: Commission assigns task to Partnership for Building Department Effectiveness Task Group.*

##### **U. Develop Procedure and Process for Commission Commentary [Procedural Task]**

###### **Tasks Schedule**

*Review and adopt recommendations for Legislative consideration.*

**V. Voluntary Standards for Building Departments [HB 4181 Task] [553.76 (5)]  
ISO Ratings Program for Building Departments [HB 4181] [553.77 (1)(n)]**

**Tasks Schedule**

*February 2000:* Commission assigns the task of developing recommendations for voluntary professional standards for operation of building departments and personnel development to Ad Hoc: Partnership for Building Department Effectiveness Task Group.

*March 2000:* Ad Hoc identifies key issues and forms workplan.

*May 2000:* Ad Hoc develops recommendations and receives presentations from representatives of Miami-Dade and Broward counties, state building officials association (BOAF), the insurance industry, federal emergency management agency (FEMA) and other vested groups.

*June 2000:* Ad Hoc reports to Commission.

*September 2000:* Ad Hoc reports to Commission.

*October 2000:* Ad Hoc develops recommendations, reviews Commission and public comments, and delivers completed recommendations to the Commission.

*November 2000:* Commission receives public comment and approves recommendations to be included in its report to the 2001 Legislature.

**W. Develop Funding Recommendations for Code Enforcement**

**Note: Part of ongoing review for Commission's annual report to the Legislature.**

**Tasks Schedule**

*October 1999:* Deferred to DCA Administrative Support Agency and Governor's office to address and make recommendations to the Legislature.

*February – December 2000:* Staff reviews as needed or requested by the Commission.

**X. Review Commission and Staff Roles Relative to Public Information and Involvement & Review and Clarify Mutual Roles of DCA and Commission.**

**Y. Guidelines for Local Government Privatization of Inspection Functions  
[HB 4181 Task] [553.77 (1)(o)]**

**Tasks Schedule**

*Jan. 2000:* Commission assigns task to Ad Hoc committee

*May 2000:* Chair identifies task as a Commission priority, and folds task into purview of Partnership for Building Departments Ad Hoc.

**Z. Review Creating a Rating System for Structural Integrity Under Storm Conditions**

**AA. Make Recommendations on FBC Policy for Transition to International Building Code**

# Attachment 6

## Code Dissemination Ad Hoc Report

### Proposal for Finalizing and Disseminating the Florida Building Code

**Issue #1:** Finalizing the Florida Building Code.

The following tasks are necessary to finalize the FBC:

1. Incorporate draft III of the FBC based on comments from public hearings.
2. Develop the necessary typesetting for the FBC.
3. Utilize marking to indicate reference to a separate code / volume.
4. Provide for marking pointing out code amendments to the base codes.
5. Provide for camera ready copy to the Florida Building Commission.

**Committee recommendation:**

Recommend contracting with SBCCI to finalize the FBC.

**Issue #2:** Copyright claims against the FBC.

**Committee recommendation:**

1. Recommend that Legal continue to negotiate copyright fees with all code entities of concern.
2. Recommend extending the contract with Ms. Ava Doppelt to continue the copyright negotiation.
3. The negotiation should include determination of the total cost of the FBC (both hard copy and via CD-ROM) to the Users should SBCCI be the entity to disseminate the FBC. The cost should include all code sections including sub-codes of the FBC. Result of this negotiation is needed by the upcoming Commission meeting.
4. The negotiation should lead to printing the FBC through the most cost effective means.
5. Legal should provide a report to the Committee on the status of the copyright issue as early as the next Commission meeting.
6. The negotiation should include Issue #4 below and making the FBC available at DCA's website (with limited download) at no cost to Users. Local and statewide amendments and interpretations to the code will be posted, linked or referenced in the code.
7. Applicable portions of the code should be available for reference in the required Building Code Training Program (Core course) and for fair use at no cost.

**Issue #3:** Printing and disseminating the final draft of the FBC and making it available to users at a reasonable cost.

**Committee recommendation:**

Recommend issuing an invitation to negotiate.

1. Staff should develop an invitation to negotiate proposal for review and approval by the Committee and the Commission.
2. The invitation to negotiate should address cost of the FBC to the Users. The cost of the FBC to the Users should be reasonable / minimum cost to include costs of printing, distribution, shipping the FBC; cost of printing in braille and large print, CD-ROM version; and any copyright fees negotiated under Issue #2.

**Issue #4:** Technical assistance to the Users of the Florida Building Code.

**Committee recommendation:**

Currently, SBCCI staff provide technical assistance to the Users of the 1997 Standard Codes. The Commission should negotiate with SBCCI to continue to provide such assistance to the Users of the FBC at no additional cost to the Commission (note: cost of providing this service will be included in the royalty fee(s) covering copyright claims filed against the FBC). The technical assistance should, at a minimum, include technical assistance on the Standard Building Code portions of the FBC and the International Codes portions of the FBC.

## Attachment 7

### Report of the Florida's Building Commissions Ad Hoc Review of Manufactured and Prototype Buildings

**June 11, 2000**

Med Kopezynski, Chairman  
John Calpini, Suzanne Marshall, Craig Parrino

Agenda: Approved as submitted.

Minutes: Accepted May 2000 minutes as submitted.

#### Certification and Licensing:

Extensive dialogue by Ad hoc members and interested parties

Modular inspectors are charged with quality control, committee will recommend to Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board that the voluntary scope of this certification be clarified to include enforcement of the Florida Building Code.

3rd party agencies must be licensed 468 and 633. If DCA staff is to do plan review must be licensed 468 and 633. Third party plans examiners will report back to committee in July with recommendations for any changes to the voluntary scope for certification of Modular Plans Examiners. Committee agreed that third party agencies are charge with enforcement of the building codes by contact to DCA so that there is no need for the present duplication of plans review, with DCA providing "final" plans review. DCA is to set up audit procedure for factory and third party systems.

\* Third parties to provide recommendations relative to on adequate qualifications of plans examiners.

\* Minimum inspection discussion, recommendation at the July meeting.

#### Emergency Rule and staff report on Relocatable Education facilities:

DCA obligation to adopt rules, bring before FBC for information and input

More information is to be brought to the committee in July.

\*Committee action to revisit this program in one year to assess the effectiveness of the program. (this also could be a recommendation for the Mfg Bldg and Prototype programs)

#### DCA proposed monitoring forms:

Proposed DCA Manufactured monitoring form accepted with caveat to make changes as Ad hoc makes their recommendations in July.

Agency monitoring form to be discussed at the July meeting.

Other business items:

CD technology update relevant to program transfer

Proposed Amended DCA construction process

Prototype -local government amendments not applicable to program

Prototype -local government can not change plans

DCA contract with local and private entity

Plans review update \*

Prototype discussion: Staff to send letter through the chair to potential impacted parties to attend the first organizational meeting. Med's recommendations

July agenda

\* Review of amended Rule 9B-1

\* Review of preliminary recommendations to the DCA Manufactured Building program

\* adopt standards for relocatables

\* Conflict of design and plans review

\* Staff to create sample motions for recommendations

\* 6/12/2000 Plans Review Ad hoc recommended the following. "The Prototype & factory buildings program shall utilize the same minimum plans review criteria but modified to eliminate site requirements".

## Attachment 8

### Ad Hoc Committee on Partnership for Building Department Report

June 11, 2000.

The Ad Hoc Committee met and addressed the following items:

- (1) They discussed whether the accreditation system should be voluntary or mandatory standard.
- (2) Sam Gerace gave presentation on an outline of building department accreditation which he developed after hurricane Andrews.
- (3) Recommended expansion of the stakeholder to include legal cities and association of counties.
- (4) The Committee took the following actions (**Action from the Commission is needed**):

Appoint the stake holders as an adjunct member on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Recommend the Commission establish a **voluntary** accreditation system for building departments.

Recommend that the Commission provides for consultants through contractual agreement to help in the development of the accreditation system.

The following individuals have been appointed by the Committee to help staff in the development of the scope of work for the consulting service needed. The proposed scope of work will be presented to the Commission for approval by the at the September meeting:

Tony Afelbeck, Doug Murdock, George Wiggins, Allen Douglas, Bob McCormic, Christ Sanidas.

## **Attachment 9**

### **Ad Hoc Committee on Plans Review Report**

The Committee met and accomplished the following:

- (1) Established and recommended minimum plans review criteria for commercial buildings.
- (2) Established and recommended minimum plans review criteria for residential buildings.
- (3) Recommend that the purposed plans review criteria be applicable to manufacture and prototype buildings.
- (4) Mr. Roger Sanders made a presentation on plan analyst review program.



## PROPOSED MINIMUM PLAN REVIEW CRITERIA:

Insert the following text after code section 104.3.1.

The examination of the documents by the Building Official shall include the following minimum criteria:

### Building

#### 1. Site Requirements

- parking
  - fire access
  - vehicle loading
  - driving/turning radius
  
- fire hydrant / water supply/Post Indicator Valve (PIV)
  - set Back / separation (assumed property lines)
  - location of septic tanks, water lines and sewer lines
  - water

2. Occupancy group and special occupancy requirements shall be determined.

3. Minimum type of construction shall be determined (table 500)

4. Fire resistant construction requirements shall include the following components:

**8. fire resistant separations**

**9. fire resistant protection for type of construction**

**10. protection of openings and penetrations of rated walls**

**11. fire blocking and draftstopping**

**1. calculated fire resistance**

5. Fire suppression systems shall include:

- early warning
- smoke evacuation systems schematic
- fire sprinklers
- standpipes
  - pre-engineered systems
  - riser diagram

6. Life Safety systems shall be determined and shall include the following requirements:

- occupant load and egress capacities
- early warning
- smoke control
- stair pressurization
- systems schematic

7. Occupancy Load / Egress Requirements Shall include

- occupancy load
  - gross
  - net

- **means of egress**
  - exit access
  - exit
  - exit discharge
- **stairs construction/geometry and protection**
- **doors**
- **emergency lighting and exit signs**
- **specific occupancy requirements**
  - construction requirements
  - horizontal exits / exit passageways

8. Structural requirements shall include:  
 soil conditions/analysis  
 termite protection

- **design loads**
- **wind requirements**
- building envelope
- **structural calculations (if required)**
- **foundation**
- **wall systems**
- **floor systems**
- **roof systems**
- **threshold inspection plan**
  - stair systems

9. Materials shall be reviewed and shall at a minimum include the following:

- wood
- **steel**
- **aluminum**
- **concrete**
- plastic
- **glass**
- **masonry**
- **gypsum board and plaster**
  - insulating (mechanical)
  - roofing
  - insulation

10. Accessibility requirements shall include the following:

- **site requirements**
- **accessible route**
- vertical accessibility
- toilet and bathing facilities
- drinking fountains
- equipment
- special occupancy requirements
- fair housing requirements

11. Interior requirements shall include the following
- **interior finishes (flame spread / smoke develop)**
  - **light and ventilation**
  - **sanitation**

12. Special systems

- **elevators**
- escalators
- **lifts**

13. Swimming Pools

- barrier requirements
  - spas
  - wading pools

**Electrical**

1. Wiring

- **services**
- **feeders and branch circuits**
- **overcurrent protection**
- **grounding**
- **wiring methods and materials**
  - GFCI's

2. Equipment

3. Special Occupancies

4. Emergency Systems

5. Communication Systems

6. Low-voltage

7. Load calculations

**Plumbing**

1. Minimum plumbing facilities

2. Fixture requirements

3. Water supply piping

4. Sanitary drainage

5. Water heaters

6. Vents

7. Roof drainage

8. Back flow prevention

9. Irrigation

10. Location water supply line

11. Grease traps

12. Environmental requirements

13. Plumbing riser

**Mechanical**

- 1. Energy calculations
- 2. Exhaust systems
  - clothes dryer exhaust
  - kitchen equipment exhaust
  - specialty exhaust systems
- 3. Equipment
- 4. Equipment location
- 5. Make-up air
- 6. Roof mounted equipment
- 7. Duct systems
- 8. Ventilation
- 9. Combustion Air
- 10. Chimneys, fireplaces and vents
- 11. Appliances
- 12. Boilers
- 13. Refrigeration
- 14. Bathroom ventilation
- 15. Laboratory

**Gas**

- 1. Gas piping
- 2. Venting
- 3. Combustion Air
- 4. Chimneys and vents
- 5. Appliances
- 6. Type of gas
- 7. Fire places
- 8. LP tank location
- 9. Riser diagram / shut-offs

**Demolition**

- 1. Asbestos removal

**Radon**

**104.3.1.1 Exemptions.**

- Plans examination by the building official shall not be required for the following work:
  - Replacing existing equipment such as mechanical units, water heaters, etc
  - Re-roofs
  - Minor electrical, plumbing, and mechanical repairs
  - Annual maintenance permits
  - Prototype Plans

.....except for local site adaptations, siding, foundations and/or modifications.

.....except for Structures which require waiver.

## **PROPOSED MINIMUM PLAN REVIEW CRITERIA (Residential One and Two Family):**

The examination of the documents by the Building Official shall include the following minimum criteria, and documents; a floor plan, site plan, foundation plan, floor/roof framing plan or truss layout and all exterior elevations:

### **Building**

1. Site requirements
  - set back / separation (assumed property lines)
  - location of septic tanks
2. Fire resistant construction if required
3. **Fire**
  - smoke detector locations
  - Egress
  - egress window size and location
  - **stairs construction requirements**
4. Structural requirements shall include:
  - wall section from foundation through roof, including assembly and materials
  - **connector tables**
  - wind requirements
  - structural calculations (if required)
5. Accessibility requirements:
  - show / identify accessible bath

### **Electrical**

1. Service location
2. Panel location
3. Load calculations

### **Plumbing**

1. Minimum plumbing facilities
2. Fixture location based on floor plan

### **Mechanical**

1. Energy calculations
2. Equipment and duct layout
3. Chimneys, fireplaces if required

### **Gas**

1. Location of gas appliances
2. Indicate combustion air locations

#### **104.3.1.1 Exemptions.**

- Plans examination by the building official shall not be required for the following work:
  - Replacing existing equipment such as mechanical units, water heaters, etc
  - Re-roofs (look at criteria in code for exemption)
  - Minor electrical, plumbing, and mechanical repairs
  - Prototype Plansexcept for local site adaptations, siding, foundations and/or modifications.  
except for Structures which require waiver.

# Attachment 10

## Product Approval Ad Hoc Committee Report Monday, June 12, 2000

### HB 219 Mandates

Legal staff reviewed the mandates from the Legislature in HB 219 which requires the Commission to incorporate the following requirements into the statewide system:

Evaluation by private third party entities

Oversight by effective government oversight

FBC may prescribe reasonable fees and promulgate by rule

Products requiring approval determined by FBC

FBC shall develop recommendations for a statewide product approval system and deliver to the 2001 Legislature

FBC does not have authority to adopt system by rule

### Overview of Product Approval System Proposals and Comparison to Task Group Recommendations

Commissioner Mehlretter provided the Ad Hoc with an overview of the Task Group's recommendations and answered clarifying questions prior to a review of additional proposals under consideration.

There are currently three (3) alternative proposals that the Ad Hoc will review in relation to the Task Group's recommendations. Each of the presenters were asked to provide an overview of their proposed system and to identify any key differences between their proposal and the Task Group's proposal.

### Parrino Amendments to Task Group Recommendation

Eliminates office of product approval and replaces with validation entities

Engineers and Architects (E & A) placed on even playing field for requirements

- Peer review required for E & A and evaluation entities
- QA required for both E & A and evaluation entities
- Approval time is the same for both E & A and evaluation entities

Long term approval as mandated in statute unless

- Code has changed affecting the performance of the product
- QA program no longer in effect
- The product has changed affecting its performance
- FBC withdraws approval for any valid reason

Allows local jurisdictions to approve products for local use not using FBC product approval procedures

### Stakeholder's Proposal

Miami-Dade (or other entity) as initial accreditation staff to the FBC

- Labs
- Evaluation entities
- QA agencies

Withdrawals

Approvals certification

Number of entities and organizations that would be a part of the system

Mandatory QA for manufacturers

## **Bassett**

FBC would subcontract office of product approval to Miami-Dade initially

Peer review should be the same for all entities

QA agency should verify that products are manufactured according to their approval. This would be done initially by Miami-Dade

All criteria, procedures, and fees would be determined by the FBC

**Presentation:** David Conover, National Evaluation Service.

### **Ad Hoc Identification of Issues for Refinement and Resolution**

The Ad Hoc was asked to identify the key issues that need to be addressed by the Ad Hoc in order to develop a consensus recommendation to present to the Commission for review and approval:

Will FBC contract with validation entities or approve validation entities who have applied to the FBC for approval

Are validation entities limited to government entities or can entities in the private sector apply to the FBC for approval as validation entities

Define:

- Validation
- Evaluation
- Accreditation
- Approval

Define role of building officials

Determine/define reasonable fees

Decide who keeps a list of approved products and administers the program

Recognition of small manufacturers by leveling the playing field with large manufactures relative to approval of products

Is statewide approval only for the six (6) approved products; and, how should FBC deal with other products that don't require statewide approval

How will statewide approval be affected by more stringent local amendments

Define long-term approval

Amendment process for modifying the product approval system

Recommendations for whether system should be adopted by rule or placed in statute

Interpretation process

Standardized process/method for submittals to local governments for approval

System implementation date relative to the Florida Building Code

Grandfathering

Integration of public safety features of the Miami-Dade Product Control System into the statewide system

Voluntary addition of additional products for statewide approval in addition to the mandatory list of products

### **Process Format**

The Ad Hoc agreed to start with the Task Group's recommendations as a template, and to propose modifications to the template as they develop their recommendations.

### **Next Meeting**

The Product Approval Ad Hoc will meet on:

Monday, July 10, 2000 in Sarasota prior to the Commission meeting

# Attachment 11

## Plumbing/Gas TAC Report

6/12/00  
Orlando  
1-3pm

### Plumbing/Gas TAC

- Continued to work for consistency in grease interceptor utilization. Attempt made to strike a balance between facilities that need interceptors and not over-regulate them. They will meet before the next TAC meeting in Orlando (August) to continue this work.
- Discussed whether the '97 Commentaries on distances from sanitary facilities adequately cover groups of common buildings, especially temporary school buildings. The consensus was, if its not broken, don't fix it.
- Requested input from legal staff on how to create uniformity of enforcement on issues across jurisdictional lines. Local boards of appeals seen as required first step before Commission becomes involved. A forum is needed for achieving and maintaining uniformity.
- The TAC approved a motion to include an irrigation code as part of the plumbing code and established a subcommittee to review and refine the irrigation code so as to incorporate it into the plumbing code and provide for its interpretation by the Plumbing/Gas TAC.



# Attachment 12

## Report of the Florida's Building Commissions Accessibility TAC

June 12, 2000

Dick Browdy, Chairman  
Larry, Sharon, Steve, Jeff, Larry, Karl, Dan

Agenda: Approved as submitted.

Minutes: Accepted April 2000 minutes as submitted.

Committee addressed issues:

Legal staff opinion on Disproportionate Cost with examples five illustrative examples  
TAC recommends that legal staff draft appropriate language for legislative change inserting language to allow disproportionate cost exception to be applied to the vertical accessible requirement. **Motion needed by Commission**

Access Code Review :

The group discussed the following: 1) Code clean up, errors omissions, 2) proposed amendments to Rule 9B-7, changes consistent with the law found during the clean up process and 3) potential legislative change(s) in the future. Preliminary findings will be incorporated in the July Access TAC minutes. The group will continue their work at a regularly scheduled meeting in August. Additional membership will be considered at the July Access TAC meeting. Time line for completion and products to be delivered to the Access TAC : June, August, October, December. The following are concerns and or preliminary recommendations: 1) Figure 30(e) 2) The Elevator exception, 3) 4.1.3 sub part "C" is this in the law? 4) Ramps 4.8.3, the exception that requires 44" on means of egress shall be removed. 5) Sign height 84 ", 6) Parking transfer of 316 to 553 relative to enforcement, 7) Effective date of law changes as of July 4, 2000 8) legal to investigate 11-4.1.6 (k)(2) if the 5 points from the federal laws need to be investigated to be added. Legal shall investigate if 4.6.2 (3) need the additional information text included in the Florida State 316. 8) The DCA's web page -The entire web site for Chapter 11 needs to be vertical to see if the updates and latest drafts are included. One example is to match figure 19 be changed to match the code. 9) Formatting issue to change the table of contents to reflect the integration of 11 on all references in the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft

Staff update on Accessibility Council appointments:

The Department has sent out a letter requesting replacement of vacancies on the Accessibility Council. To date the Department has received two responses. The TAC acted on the following.

The Accessibility TAC made the following recommendations for replacement to the Accessibility Advisory Council, These are: Ms Jeanne S. "Bunny " Armstrong with the Advocacy Center and Mr. James R. Shalls from the Department of Labor. Department of

Labor replacing Tom Nicolson. Additional replacements will be reported at the July Meeting. **Motion needed by Commission.**

**Accessibility Training Manual update from staff**

TAC requested legal staff to explore options on disposition of the “Training Manual”. One TAC option was to consider the document as a commentary to the FBC. **Motion needed by Commission**

**Other business items:**

Church’s and how they apply to the Code and or Law: Option is to consider an affidavit from the pastor of the place of worship (priest, rabbi etc) stating the area considered is integral to the process of worship and therefore would be consistent with legal opinion of not being required to apply. **Motion needed by Commission.**

**August agenda issues:**

- \* Continue work group to address Access Code issues and recommendations to the TAC
- \* Training Manual report and recommendations from legal

# Attachment 13

## Fire Joint TAC Report

The Committee met and addressed the following items:

- (1) Exempting telecommunication spaces located in buildings three stories and greater from providing and automatic sprinkler system. **(Fire Marshal issue)**

**Action:** Since this issue will require legislative action, the Committee decided to appoint a subcommittee to establish the necessary language for legislative change for approval by the Commission.

- (2) Provide definition for Farm buildings. **(Fire Marshal issue)**

**Action:** issue was tabled so the Fire Marshal will have time to discuss this issue with the Department of Agriculture.

- (3) Report on the Fire Advisory Council proposed code changes to NFPA 101/ Florida Fire Prevention Code.

**Action:** This issue was deferred until the Fire Marshall provides the Committee members with a copy of the proposed rule for review and comment to make sure that all code changes proposed are part of the proposed rule.

## **Attachment 14**

### **Building Code Information System Update**

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) entered into a contract with Information Systems of Florida (ISF) in late January 2000 to develop the Building Code Information System (BCIS).

The completed system will support the following Florida Building Code functions:

- Building Code Training
- Florida Building Code Interpretations and Local/State Amendments
- Accessibility Waivers
- Access to Professional License Information
- Florida Building Code Commission List
- Manufacturer Building (Insignia) Program

This state-of-the-art system will operate completely over the Internet to allow for maximum accessibility. Online credit card payments will enable users to purchase the online program or other materials provided by DCA's Code and Standards Section.

ISF and DCA have formed an Advisory Board to guide and direct the system development activities. The Advisory Board consists of key representatives from the state of Florida as well as several people representing those who will be using the system.

The system is nearing completion and will be released to approximately 80 Beta Testers on June 16, 2000. These Beta Testers will provide feedback on the system to help refine the final product or enhance it at a later date.

The system will "go live" to the state of Florida in mid-October.