FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION

ATTACHMENT TO THE JUNE 30 – JULY 2, 2002 MINUTES

FACILITATOR’S REPORT OF THE JUNE 30 – JULY 2, 2002 COMMISSION MEETING

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I. OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION’S KEY DECISIONS

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2002

COMMISSION PLENARY SESSION

Agenda Review and Approval
The Commission voted unanimously, 16 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda as presented.

Review and Approval of May 14, 2002 Meeting Minutes
Commission voted unanimously, 16 - 0 in favor, to approve the minutes as amended for the May 2002 Commission meeting.

Commission Actions:
Walter Smith was appointed to the Fire TAC and not the Energy TAC as reported.
Med Kopczynski moved to New Hampshire and not Vermont as reported.

Review and Approval of Commission’s Updated Workplan
The Commission voted unanimously, 16 - 0 in favor, to approve the Commission’s updated workplan as presented. (Attachment 2)

Chair’s Discussion Issues and Recommendations
Chairman Rodriguez made the following TAC/POC appointments:
Ed Carson as chair of the Product Approval POC,
Michael Cavinder to the Special Occupancy TAC,
Hamid Bahadori and Oriel Haage to the Electrical TAC,
Ed Carson to the Code Administration TAC, and,
Johnny Long to the Accessibility TAC.

Consideration of Accessibility Waiver Applications
The Commission reviewed and decided on the Waiver applications submitted for their consideration.

Fire TAC Committee Report and Recommendations
Commissioner D’Andrea presented the committee’s report and recommendations for Commission consideration. The Commission unanimously accepted the Committee’s report by a vote of 18 - 0 in favor. (See Commission Minutes for Committee report)

Code Administration TAC Committee Report and Recommendations
Commissioner Thorne presented the committee’s report and recommendations for Commission consideration. The Commission unanimously accepted the Committee’s report by a vote of 18 - 0 in favor. (See Commission Minutes for Committee report)
Mechanical TAC Committee Report and Recommendations
Commissioner Patterson presented the committee’s report and recommendations for Commission consideration. The Commission unanimously accepted the Committee’s report by a vote of 18 - 0 in favor. (See Commission Minutes for Committee report)

Structural TAC Committee Report and Recommendations
Commissioner Parrino presented the committee’s report and recommendations for Commission consideration. The Commission unanimously accepted the Committee’s report by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor. (See Commission Minutes for Committee report)

Energy TAC Committee Report and Recommendations
Commissioner Bassett presented the committee’s report and recommendations for Commission consideration. The Commission unanimously accepted the Committee’s report by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor. (See Commission Minutes for Committee report)

Accessibility TAC Committee Report and Recommendations
Commissioner Richardson presented the committee’s report and recommendations for Commission consideration. The Commission unanimously accepted the Committee’s report by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor. (See Commission Minutes for Committee report)

Product Approval/Prototype Buildings/Manufactured Buildings Program Oversight Committee
Commissioner Carson presented the committee’s report and recommendations for Commission consideration. The Commission unanimously accepted the Committee’s report by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor. (See Commission Minutes for Committee report)

Commission Actions:
Action on Applications for Approval for Product Approval Entities
Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve Window and Door Manufacturers Association’s application for entity approval for certification agency and validation entity contingent on receipt of certification of ANSI accreditation, on-line electronic submission of application data, and payment to be made within 45 days.

Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office for evaluation entity, validation entity, and accreditation body.

Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve Southern Building Code Congress International for evaluation entity.

Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve National Evaluation Services for evaluation entity and validation entity.

Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve ICBO Evaluation Services for evaluation entity, certification agency, and validation entity.

Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve
American Architectural Manufacturers Association for certification agency and validation entity.

**Motion**—The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19–0 in favor, to approve Keystone Certifications for certification agency and validation entity.
Education Program Oversight Committee and Education TAC Committee Report and Recommendations
Commissioner Browdy presented the committee’s report and recommendations for Commission consideration. The Commission unanimously accepted the Committee’s report by a vote of 19 - 0 in favor. (See Commission Minutes for Committee report)

Commission/BOAF Project to Develop Non-binding Code Interpretation Process
BOAF president Ronnie Spooner, presented a proposed flowchart for reviewing and issuing informal non-binding interpretations on the Florida Building Code. (Attachment 3)

Commission Actions:
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 17 – 0 in favor, to approve the proposed informal non-binding interpretation process and flowchart for issuing interpretations on the Florida Building Code with the following clarifications:
Building/Fire TAC should be included as a part of the review process.
BOAF should provide the Commission with the names and licensing qualifications of those individuals reviewing interpretation requests.

Legal Staff Report
Commission attorney Jim Richmond, reported that Governor Bush has signed HB 1307.

Second Workshop on Development of Policy for Relationship of the Florida Building Code to the International Codes
Chairman Rodriguez indicated that the purpose of this series of workshops is to solicit public comment on the relationship between the FBC and the IBC prior to the Commission taking this issue up for consideration as a body. He indicated that today’s workshop would be the second workshop the Commission has held on this issue, the first was at the May 2002 meeting. The Chairman emphasised that this is an important policy issue that the Commission will discuss and evaluate the options and pros and cons as a full Commission in a facilitated process.

Comments from Workshop
1. The Commission should advise the IBC of the availability of FBC code changes for IBC review and consideration.
2. The FBC should review the IBC for possible code changes, but only on a Florida specific basis.
3. BOAF requests that the Commission adopt the IBC family of codes as the base code for the Florida Building Code.
4. FIMA requests that Florida adopt the International Family of Codes (IBC).

Chairman Rodriguez reopened the workshop prior to the conclusion of the Commission meeting in order to allow additional comment on the topic. There were no additional comments made.
Public Comment
There were 2 members of the public who addressed the Commission during the first public comment period. Chairman Rodriguez opened a second public comment period prior to the conclusion of the Commission meeting in order to allow additional public comment for Commission consideration. Several interests used this opportunity to address the Commission.

Additional Commission Actions
Commission Actions:
Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 13 – 0 in favor, to request that the Florida Legislature grant the Commission statutory authority to issue binding interpretations on the Florida Building Code.
Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 13 – 0 in favor, that DCA staff should initiate discussion with BCAIB regarding including the Florida Building Code as a basis for Board licensing tests.

Committee Assignments
The following committee’s indicated a need to meet at the August 2002 Commission meeting:
1. Education Program Oversight (POC) Committee
2. Product Approval/Prototype Buildings/Manufactured Buildings POC
3. Accessibility TAC
4. Code Administration TAC and Rehab subcommittees
5. Education
6. Electrical
7. Energy
8. Fire
9. Mechanical
10. Plumbing TAC
11. Structural TAC
12. Accessibility Advisory Council and Waiver applications
13. Education TAC workshop

Staff Assignments
1. Commission would like a workshop on the declaratory statement process.
2. Develop a flowchart for reviewing and evaluating declaratory statements.
3. Legal staff should provide a clear set of guidelines — legal staff interpretation — for the Commission and TAC’s to use in determining sufficiency for declaratory statements.
4. Review and if possible, develop an application form consistent with the rule for applicants to use when requesting declaratory statements by the FBC.
5. Compile a matrix, based on agreements reached at the July 2002 Education POC/TAC meeting, that details the roles, tasks, and responsibilities of all interests
relative to developing, administering, and providing education training on the Florida Building Code.
COMMISSION’S DECLARATORY STATEMENT PROCESS
(Adopted Unanimously, March 2002)

REVIEW OF PETITION
1. Review by appropriate TAC or POC and legal staff
2. Consideration of public comment by TAC or POC
3. Recommendation to Commission

REVIEW AND PROPOSED ACTION BY COMMISSION –
(First hearing/review)
   a. TAC/POC or legal staff recommendation
   b. Questions from Commission members
   c. Public comment
      Petitioner’s rationale/comments
      General public comment
      Petitioner’s response (if desired)
   b. Questions from Commission members (through Chair)
   c. Motion and second on petition—for Proposed action
   d. Discussion by Commission only
   e. Vote by Commission for Proposed action—for consideration at
      Commission’s next plenary meeting

Chair may refer back to TAC/POC for additional review
and recommendations at next Commission meeting

COMMISSION ACTION ON PETITION –
(Second hearing/review)
5. Commission review of previous proposed action
6. Additional Public comment
1. Motion and second on petition
2. Discussion by Commission only
Vote/Action by Commission on motion

PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENTS
Following are the actions taken by the Commission on petitions for declaratory statements.

SECOND HEARINGS

DCA02-DEC-063 by Door and Access Systems Manufacturers Association on garage door wind load guide
Action:
Petition withdrawn by petitioner.
DCA02-DEC-114 by Florida Extruders International on design pressure for windows
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-115 by Florida Extruders International on design pressure for windows and glass doors
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition with the following amendments:
Amendments:
Changes to last line of paragraph 3: the “KD” value. Amendment approved 19 – 0.

DCA02-DEC-125 by Florida Home Builders Association on emergency escape and rescue openings
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-130 by Dr. Jack Reinhardt Inc. on termiticides
Final Disposition:
Petition withdrawn by petitioner.

Chronology of Commission Actions on DCA02-DEC-130 Prior to Withdrawal:
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 18 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition with the following amendment:
Amendment:
Answer to question 1 is yes, per TAC recommendation.
Answer to question 2 is yes; if the label is part of the registration process with DACS and the termiticide is registered for use in new construction and provided it can be applied according to the label for pre-construction.
Motion — Motion to reconsider dies for lack of a second on the motion.
Motion — The Commission voted 9 – 6 in favor to reconsider their previous action on petition.
Motion — The Commission voted 5 – 12 against the following motion (Motion Fails):
Answer to question 2 is yes; a termiticide registered with DACS used in accordance with the product’s label and labeled for new construction complies with the Florida Building Code.
Final Disposition:
Petition withdrawn by petitioner before Commission re-voted the reconsidered motion.

DCA02-DEC-127 by Mike Morello on clothes dryer exhaust
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to defer action on the petition to the August 2002 meeting.

DCA02-DEC-131 by Pinellas County on water heaters installed in garages
Motion — The Commission voted 16 – 1 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

Motion — The Commission voted 14 – 1 in favor to reconsider their previous action on petition.

Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 15 – 0 in favor, to defer action on the petition to the August 2002 meeting.

DCA02-DEC-048 by Lake County on pool drains
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-070 by Philip J. Childs on a skimmer as a pool inlet
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-071 by Leisure Bay on pool skimmer/drains in above ground pools
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to dismiss the petition.

DCA02-DEC-073 by Mermaid Pools on pool drains
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 18 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-077 by George Pellington on vacuum relief for pools and spas
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 18 – 0 in favor, to defer action on the petition to the August 2002 meeting.

DCA02-DEC-078 by Josam Company on grease recovery devices
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 18 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-087 by Sioux Chief Manufacturing Inc. on water hammer arresters
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 18 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-092 by H & H Mechanical Inc. on water closet fixtures
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 19 – 0 in favor, to approve their previous action on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-133 by Affordable Fence & Screen Inc. on screen doors and pool gates
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 17 – 0 in favor, to defer action on the petition to the August 2002 meeting.
FIRST HEARING
DCA02-DEC-124 by Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 17 – 0 in favor, to dismiss the petition.

DCA02-DEC-128 by Richard Johnston
Motion — The Commission voted 14 – 4 in favor, to defer action on the petition to the August 2002 meeting.

DCA02-DEC-162 by Florida Extruders International, Inc.
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 18 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-169 by Florida Extruders International, Inc.
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 16 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-170 by International Engineering Associations, Inc.
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 17 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DCA-182 by BLISS & NYTTRAY, INC.
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 17 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-183 by Master Consulting Engineering, Inc.
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 17 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-138 by Bellsouth Telecommunications
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 17 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-062 by Airtemp on balanced return air
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 16 – 0 in favor, to defer action on the petition to the August 2002 meeting.

DCA02-DCA-176 by Larry Banks
Motion — The Commission voted 16 – 1 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DCA-177 by Larry Banks
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 13 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DCA-178 by Larry Banks
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 14 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DCA-179 by Larry Banks
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 14 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-184 by EVANS groups
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 16 – 0 in favor, to refer the petition back to the petitioner.
Motion — The Commission voted 14 – 0 in favor to reconsider their previous action on petition.
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 14 – 0 in favor, to defer action on the petition to the August 2002 meeting.

DCA02-DEC-173 by Florida Power & Light
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 17 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-174 by Florida Power & Light
Action:
Petition withdrawn by petitioner.

DCA02-DEC-175 by Florida Power & Light
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 16 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-171 by Leon County Community Development Department of Growth and Environmental Management Building Inspection
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 16 – 0 in favor, to dismiss the petition.

DCA02-DEC-142 by DASMA Inc.
Motion — The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 14 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DEC-166 by Florida Building Material Association
Motion — The Commission voted 15 – 1 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.
Proposed Amendment:
Motion— Components can be interchanged provided they are installed or utilized in the same manner and/or location, and where manufacturer’s specifications are available and the components are installed accordingly. The Commission voted 1-15 in favor of the amendment. Motion fails.

DCA02-DEC-167 by Florida Building Material Association
Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 14 – 0 in favor, to approve the TAC/staff recommendation on the petition.

DCA02-DCA-180 by the Florida Portable Building Manufacturers Association
Motion— The Commission voted unanimously, by a vote of 16 – 0 in favor, to approve legal staff’s recommendation on the petition.
RECOMMENDED DISMISSAL FOR INSUFFICIENCY

DCA02-DEC-132 by Icynene, Inc. on roof deck insulation and attic ventilation
Action:
Petition withdrawn by petitioner.

DCA02-DEC-036 by VAK-PAK on pools
Action:
Dismissed for insufficiency.

DCA02-DEC-049 by Lake County on suction inlet covers
Action:
Dismissed for insufficiency.

DCA02-DEC-060 by Triodyne Safety Systems on suction inlets/outlets
Action:
Dismissed for insufficiency.

DCA02-DEC-061 by Triodyne Safety Systems on pools anti-vortex covers
Action:
Dismissed for insufficiency.
ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING EVALUATION RESULTS

HOW WELL DID THE COMMISSION ACHIEVE THE MEETING OBJECTIVES?

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COMMENTS:
- Excessive cigarette smoke was a respiratory problem
- “Women of the Moose”

WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE MEETING?
- Support documentation was very helpful

HOW COULD THE MEETING HAVE BEEN IMPROVED?
• Sound system needed improvement – hard to understand speakers
• Sound poorly done, noise from adjoining hall
ATTACHMENT 2

UPDATED COMMISSION WORKPLAN

PRIORITIZATION OF WORKPLAN TASKS- FEBRUARY 2002

Tasks Ranked at 2/02 Commission Meeting:
AA  (AA) 2002 Glitch Amendments and Update to New Editions of Model Building Code  
Score: 140

BB  (EE) Develop Policy for Transition to International Building and Residential Codes 
Score: 129

CC  (DD) Collaborative Initiatives on Technical Support of the Code 
Score: 118

DD  (II) Joint Project with SFM to Develop Fire Prevention Code for Historic Buildings 
Score: 110

EE  (CC) Develop Commentaries for the Code and Each Subcode 
Score: 96

FF  (FF) Voluntary Standards for Building Departments [HB 4181/s.553.76(5), F.S.]  
Score: 78

GG  (HH) Create a Rating System for Structural Integrity Under Storm Conditions 
Score: 77

HH  (BB) Appeals Procedures [98-287, LOF/ss.553.73 & .77 & 2000-141, LOF/s.120.80,FS] 
Score: 71

II  (GG) ISO Ratings Program for Building Departments [98-287, LOF/s.553.77(1n.)]  
Score: 45
Additional Tasks from Programs Implementation and 2001 Report to Legislature and Assignments by 2002 Legislature:

1. Revise Rules of Procedure to list needs specific to Florida which justify Code amendment.

2. Revise Building Code Training Program rule for “advanced courses” and course approval criteria.

3. Develop building code provisions to be added to the Florida Building Code to facilitate the rehabilitation and use of existing structures. [Section 2, CS/HB 1307]

4. Establish procedures for advisory opinions and adopt by rule. [s.553.77(7), F.S.; CS/HB 1307]

5. Develop forms for use with private inspections:
   a. Notification of selection of private inspections submitted with permit application. [s.553.891(4), F.S.; CS/HB 1307]

   b. Affidavit to be submitted by private plans reviewer indicating the Individual reviewed the plans and the plans comply with the Code. [s.553.891(5), F.S.; CS/HB 1307]

   Note: there are two additional forms identified by law which are left to the building official’s discretion. It is proposed that BOAF develop models for these forms.

6. Review the implementation of s.553.891, F.S., Alternative Plans Review and Inspections, and report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2004. [s.553.891(19), F.S.; CS/HB 1307]
WORKPLAN BY TASK

AA  2002 Glitch Amendments and Update to New Editions of Model Building Code

Schedule for 2003 Glitch Amendments:
Amendment submittal cutoff  6/14/02
Post on website  6/26/02
TAC’s consider  8/12/02
Post TAC recommendations on website  8/26/02
Commission considers  10/28/02
Rule hearing  12/10/02
Effective date of amendments  3/10/03

Schedule for 2004 Base Codes Update:
Amendment submittal cutoff (independent submittals)  2/01/03
Post on website (independent/base code updates/local amends)  3/01/03
TAC’s consider  5/03
Post TAC recommendations on website  6/01/03
Commission considers  7/03
Rule hearing  8/03
Effective date of first update  3/04

BB  Develop Policy for Transition to International Building and Residential Codes

Schedule:
Public workshops  May-Jul 2003
Proposed transition plan completed  Aug 2003
Public hearing and final decision on proposed plan  Sep 2003
Staff begin organizing amendments to implement plan  Oct 2003
Transition amendments posted to website and revision cycle begins  Mar 2003
(See schedule for 2004 base codes update)
Effective date  Mar 2004

CC  Collaborative Initiatives on Technical Support of the Code

Initiatives:
1. Industry outreach via initiatives of industry associations
   Contract with BASF  Apr 2002
2. Establish informal code interpretation joint venture with BOAF
   See additional project 3.
3. Develop forms for use with privatized plans review and inspections
   See additional project 4.
4. Voluntary Standards for Building Departments [HB 4181/s.553.76(5), F.S.]
   See FF
DD  Joint Project with SFM to Develop Fire Prevention Code for Historic Buildings

Schedule:
Organizational and planning meeting of joint FBC Fire TAC
and SFM Fire Code Advisory Council  Mar 2002
Building Code standards complete  Oct 2002
Submitted for 2003 code amendment cycle  Feb 2003
Standards adopted and effective  Mar 2004

EE  Develop Commentaries for the Code and Each Subcode

Plan:
Phase I  Obtain permission from SBCCI to use 1997 SBC interpretation document and commentary
        Staff/SBCCI revise for FBC consistency and dec statements
Phase II  Staff develop supplemental commentaries for Florida specifics

FF  Voluntary Standards for Building Departments [HB 4181/s.553.76(5), F.S.]

Plan:
Establish a joint project with the state building officials association, BOAF,
with BOAF as lead.

Schedule:
Initial discussions on potential project and organization  May 2002
Finalize memoranda of understanding & appoint commissioners  Jul 2002
Initiate project  Aug 2002
Draft standards for public review completed  May 2003
Standards finalized  Jan 2004

GG  Create a Rating System for Structural Integrity Under Storm Conditions

Plan:
Assess feasibility and industry/consumer interest in a rating system
Contract for development of draft system then carry through consensus development workshops.
Seek authority from the Legislature to establish a voluntary/market oriented rating program similar to the energy efficiency rating program

Schedule:
Assess feasibility (contractor)  Aug-Sep 2002
Develop draft rating system if decision is to pursue (contractor)  Oct 02- Mar 03
Seek authority for program  Mar-Apr 2003
Consensus development rule workshops  Apr- Jun 2003
Initiate rule adoption  Jul 2003
Rule effective and program initiated  Jan 2004
HH  Appeals Procedures [98-287, LOF/ss.553.73 & .77 & 2000-141, LOF/s.120.80,FS]

Schedule:
Legal staff develops draft procedures       Apr-May 2002
Consensus development workshops        May-Aug 2002
Draft rule noticed                        Aug 2002
Rule hearing                               Sep 2002
Appeals procedures effective             Nov 2002

II   ISO Ratings Program for Building Departments

Plan: 
Assist local governments with obtaining best ratings by establishing policies to 
transition to the International codes as quickly as possible and to keep the base codes 
updated with few amendments in the minimum time possible.

Note: The ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading System program (BCEGS) is a 
private sector grading program used by insurance companies to judge building code 
effectiveness in communities and establish property insurance rates accordingly. The 
program is nationwide and staff advise the best approach to assisting Florida 
communities obtain the best ratings are to update and maintain the FBC in a 
responsible manner and to pursue efforts to assist building departments improve 
their physical and personnel resources.

Additional task #1  Revise Rules of Procedure to list needs specific to Florida which justify 
Code amendment

Schedule:
Hold workshop to assess reaction to planned limitations 
 on state and local amendments       May 2002
Draft rule amendment to implement definition of “specific needs”     Jul 2002
Notice proposed rule amendment                            Jul 2002
Rule hearing                                              Aug 2002
Rule effective                                           Oct 2002

Additional task #2  Revise Building Code Training Program rule for “advanced courses” 
and course approval criteria.

Schedule:
Workshops on draft rule amendment                     Jul-Aug 2002
Notice proposed rule amendment                        Aug 2002
Rule hearing                                            Sep 2002
Rule effective                                         Nov 2002
Additional task #3  Develop building code provisions to be added to the Florida Building Code to facilitate the rehabilitation and use of existing structures.

Schedule:
Residential and Commercial building rehab committees established Mar 2002
Draft code amendments completed Oct 2002
Draft revisions to law completed Oct 2002
Report to the Legislature completed Dec 2002
Submitted for 2003 code amendment cycle Feb 2003
Standards adopted and effective Mar 2004

Additional task #4 Establish procedures for advisory opinions and adopt by rule.

Schedule:
Consider partnership with BOAF May 2002
BOAF/Staff develop proposed procedures May-Jun 2002
Approve procedures July 2002
Procedure goes into effect (law allows effective before rule) Aug 2002
Rule adoption Aug-Oct 2002

Additional task #5 Develop forms for use with private inspections:
  a. Notification of selection of private inspections submitted with permit application
     s.553.891(4), F.S.
  b. Affidavit to be submitted by private plans reviewer indicating the individual reviewed the plans and the plans comply with the Code s.553.891(5), F.S.

Note: there are two additional forms identified by law which are left to the building official’s discretion. It is proposed that BOAF develop models for these forms.

Schedule:
Consider partnership with BOAF Jul 2002
BOAF/Staff develop draft forms Jul-Aug 2002
Rule development workshop on draft forms Aug 2002
Rule hearing Sep 2002
Rule effective Oct 2002

Additional task #6 Review the implementation of s.553.891, F.S., Alternative Plans Review and Inspections, and report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2004.

Schedule:
Review and approve RFP to hire contractor Jan 2003
Select contractor and initiate study Mar 2003
Complete study and begin Commission review Oct 2003
Complete report to the Legislature Dec 2003
ATTACHMENT 3

FLOW CHART OF INFORMAL NON-BINDING INTERPRETATIONS OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE