

ELECTRICAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, January 24, 2017

10:00 AM

Minutes

ELECTRICAL TAC PRESENT:

Kevin Flanagan, Chairman

Ken Castronovo

Oriol Haage

David Rice

Joseph Territo (joined @ 10:30 a.m.)

Neal Burdick

Shane Gerwig

Bryan Holland

Clarence Tibbs

Dwight Wilkes

ELECTRICAL TAC NOT PRESENT:

Roy Van Wyk

STAFF PRESENT:

Thomas Campbell

April Hammonds

Nick DuVal

Mo Madani

Chris Howell

Jim Hammers

MEETING FACILITATION:

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from the FCRC Consensus Center at Florida State University. Information at: <http://consensus.fsu.edu/>

Welcome:

Time: 10:00 am

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the Electrical TAC. A quorum was determined with 9 of 11 members present.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Tibbs entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Wilkes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2016:

Mr. Tibbs entered a motion to approve the minutes from July 18, 2016 as posted. Mr. Wilkes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Administrative Code" of February 7, 2017 for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 6th Edition (2017) update to the Florida Building Code:

Comment: Submitted by Jim Dipietro, Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals:

Mr. Madani provided a brief overview of the Comment.

Mr. Castronovo spoke on behalf of Mr. Dipietro and provided detail of his comment and request of change.

Ms. Hammonds asked the TAC to look at the area not highlighted reading "if the version has been adopted by the applicable model code entity.

Mr. Madani explained the process selecting the latest edition of the I-Codes as the foundation to the updated edition of the FBC including the selection of the 2014 NEC.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Hatfield, Florida Swimming Pool Association spoke in favor of this comment.

Debbie Nutter, Palm Beach County stated she is also in favor of this comment.

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Leonard Devine, stated he is in support of this comment.

Doug Harvey stated he opposed this comment and provided reasoning for opposition.

Joe Belcher, Florida Homebuilders Association, stated he is also opposed and he feels further information is needed to make this decision.

Mr. Madani provided an analysis of the issues of concern and possible conflicts within the Florida Building Code and with the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Ms. Hammonds stated she stands on her previous comment.

Mr. Blair formed a list of the TAC members that wished to speak.

Mr. Wilkes asked for clarity of the part of the section that Ms. Hammonds was speaking to which is “if the version has been adopted by the applicable model code entity.” as he did not see the conflict.

Ms. Hammonds stated the interpretation and how it could be read and the TAC should at least consider that portion.

Mr. Wilkes provided more information from his stand point and stated he would be in favor.

Mr. Flanagan questioned the comments on review and stated he is a proponent. He also questioned code cycle information.

Mr. Madani responded to Mr. Flanagan’s concerns and question and how this could cause conflict in the Code.

Ms. Hammonds stated that this language could affect the Florida Fire Protection Code, this is critical by statute and the Florida Building Code should not conflict with FFPC.

Mr. Flanagan stated that maybe this TAC should step up and move the more recent version of the NEC. He stated he is still a proponent.

Mr. Gerwig spoke on the Residential Code and asked about removing the language and inserting a reference to the Electrical Code.

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Ms. Hammonds advised that will not work as we are in the middle of rulemaking process of Chapter 120. She also spoke on the use of reference statements in the Code.

Neal Burdick state he wanted to know if this would delay the 6th Edition.

Mr. Madani stated yes that is possible.

Ms. Hammonds stated yes, that proposed codes modifications were based on the 2014 NEC and there has to be time for allowance to resubmit.

Neal Burdick said that reference should be reserved in the residential section of the FBC but in 5th Edition this was changed.

Mr. Madani provided response explaining the process for consideration of the Florida – specific amendments and the reasoning for the change.

Mr. Burdick stated he is in support of this comment.

Ms. Hammonds added comments to Mr. Madani’s explanation regarding when these changes occurred and the reasoning they occurred under statute requirement.

Mr. Holland discussed and questioned the past discussion of the glitch and the difference in the cycles. In addition, Mr. Holland brought into conversation Senate Bill 7000 in Committee and the possible impact if it passes and possible changes to the glitch cycle. Mr. Holland said his concern would be losing opportunities to update the Code. He also spoke of states that have skipped code cycles and continued his comments on possible impacts and changes. Mr. Holland stated he is a proponent of the comment.

Joe Territo joined the call at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Wilkes entered a motion to approve the comment to adopt the current NEC (2017). Mr. Burdick seconded the motion.

Mr. Blair performed a roll call vote:

Mr. Flanagan - yes	Neal Burdick – yes
Ken Castronovo – yes	Shane Gerwig – yes
Oriol Haage – yes	Bryan Holland – yes
David Rice – yes	Joe Territo – yes
Clarence Tibbs – yes	Dwight Wilkes – yes

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The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Public Comment:

Leonard Devine advised when using the google search on the BCIS website it is still showing him as a TAC member.

Mr. Hammers advised that the prior lists remain on the site to show prior members. He also stated that the current list is showing directly on the BCIS not under the google function.

Mr. Blair performed a final roll call and all 10 members were remaining on the line.

Kevin Flanagan thanked the staff and the TAC members for their hard work. He then adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.