

**FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONCURRENT WITH THE
PLUMBING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

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Monday, February 27 2017

2:30 P.M.

Minutes

FIRE TAC PRESENT:

Hamid Bahadori, Chairman
Joe Belcher
Chris Athari for Joe Holland
Jim Schock

Tony Apfelbeck
Charlie Frank
Brad Schiffer
Peter Schwab

FIRE TAC NOT PRESENT:

Jeff Gross

Robert Hamberger

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
April Hammonds
Chris Howell
Robert Benbow
Marlita Peters

Thomas Campbell
Nick DuVal
Chip Sellers
Jim Hammers

Welcome:

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the concurrent teleconference call of The Fire TAC and Plumbing TAC.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Fire TAC. A quorum was determined with 8 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Review and Approval of January 25, 2017 meeting minutes:

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2017 meeting as posted. Mr. Apfelbeck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Change in agenda items:

Mr. Madani suggested that the Fire TAC take up item # 5 on their agenda to allow time for additional Plumbing TAC members to join the line as there was not a quorum at this time and advised that item #4 was listed as a concurrent TAC discussion.

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to amend the agenda to allow item number 5 to be discussed among the Fire TAC prior to topic item number 4. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Review process for submittal of potential research topics for consideration by the Florida Commission:

Mr. Madani provided explanation of the report attached to the agenda for future research projects including the process. He also provided the work plan and deadline dates.

Mr. Apfelbeck stated this report is fine but was asking for exact criteria that would be required to allow the project to be considered.

Review process for submittal of potential research topics for consideration by the Florida Commission (cont.):

Mr. Madani provided detail of research and technical enrichment. He then provided a date specific time line for the work plan.

Mr. Apfelbeck asked for a detailed criteria list that is required.

Mr. Madani stated he would provide what was used to make determinations on the projects from last year.

To review and accept final draft report for research project titled “Evaluation of the Cost Impact of Florida’s Specific Changes to 2015 I-Code Changes (Prescriptive Code Changes)”:

Mr. Madani provided background of this report and that it was researched to determine the cost impact on Florida Specific changes.

Dr. Raymond Issa provided detail of the report with a power point presentation. He began with the Fire Code cost changes and then provided Plumbing Code costs changes.

TAC Comments:

Mr. Apfelbeck asked why the scope of work was limited. He also asked why benefits were not included in this report and expressed that he felt this was needed.

Mr. Madani explained that the Commission requested only cost impact on this report.

Mr. Schiffer brought up the zero lot line and decrease in costs.

Mr. Schock provided additional background on this subject and how the Commission reviewed this information and that the cost is just one part of it.

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to accept the report. Mr. Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to include scope of work and potential benefit of Florida Specific changes for next year’s report. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

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Final Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed the final roll call. All original 8 members were remaining on the line.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.