

**SWIMMING POOL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HILTON UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CONFERENCE CENTER  
1714 SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32607  
January 28, 2020  
3:30 p.m.**

## **Minutes**

### **SWIMMING POOL TAC PRESENT:**

James Batts, Chairman  
Michael Guerasio  
Eric Brunn for John O'Connor

Mark Pabst  
Bob Vincent

### **SWIMMING POOL TAC NOT PRESENT:**

Jordan Clarkson  
John Wahler

Jim LePetrie

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Thomas Campbell  
Justin Vogel  
Marlita Peters

Mo Madani  
Chris Howell  
Jim Hammers

### **MEETING FACILITATION:**

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: [facilitatedsolutions.org](http://facilitatedsolutions.org)

**Time: 3:00 p.m.**

Chairman Batts welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Swimming Pool TAC.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the Swimming Pool TAC. A quorum was determined with 5 members present.

**Agenda Approval:**

Mr. Vincent entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Guerasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

**Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2019.**

Mr. Vincent entered a motion to approve the minutes from July 9, 2019 as posted. Mr. Guerasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

**To provide and review comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of February 11, 2020 for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020) update to the Florida Building Code**

**Comments Received:**

**Kari Hebrank:  
SW-C-454 Comment #1**

Ms. Hebrank provided detail on the requested changes to this section.

**In Favor:** Joe Belcher, FHBA

**Motion:** Mr. Vincent entered a motion to accept the comment as amended to change "note" to full sentence. Mr. Pabst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0. (AM)

**Comments Received (cont.):**

**Bryan Holland:  
SW/E-C-454 Comment #2**

Mr. Holland was not present; however John Hall, Miami-Dade County spoke on the changes being requested and also stated he was in favor of this change.

**In Favor:** Joe Belcher, FHBA

**Opposed:** Kari Hebrank, FSPA

John Hall provided a rebuttal and advised that this could be brought back by the proponent with changes being requested after review.

**Motion:** There was no motion entered. Action was No Affirmative Recommendation to allow the proponent to review requested wording to be brought back to the TAC during next comment period. (NAR)

**Bob Vincent:  
SW-C-454 Comment #3**

Mr. Vincent provided detail on the requested changes to this section.

Due to multiple comments referencing sections, the following are the motions listed for each section:

454.1.1.1 – **Motion:** There was no motion entered. Action was No Affirmative Recommendation (NAR).

454.1.2.3.5 - **Motion:** Mr. Vincent entered a motion to accept the comment as submitted. Mr. Guerasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0. (AS)

454.1.2.8.1 - **Motion:** No Action needed.

454.1.9.2.2.4 - **Motion:** There was no motion entered. Action was No Affirmative Recommendation (NAR).

**Comments Received (cont.):**

**Bob Vincent:  
SW-C-454 Comment #3 (cont.):**

454.1.9.2.6.2 - **Motion:** There was no motion entered. Action was No Affirmative Recommendation (NAR).

454.1.9.8.6.1 - **Motion:** No action needed.

454.1.9.8.6.3 **Motion:** No action needed.

**Michael Weinbaum:  
SW-C-454 Comment #4**

Mr. Weinbaum was not present.

Mr. Madani stated this was corrected under comment #1

**Motion:** There was no motion entered. Action was No Affirmative Recommendation (NAR).

**Public Comment:**

Sam Liberatore, Gardner Collins Engineering expressed his concerns on the skimmers on the sun shelf. He was requesting clarification.

Mr. Madani stated he could ask for language clarification during the next comment cycle for the April meeting.

**Michael Weinbaum:  
SW-C-454 Comment #5**

Mr. Weinbaum was not present.

**Motion:** There was no motion entered. Action was No Affirmative Recommendation (NAR).

**To Consider and discuss the following Declaratory Statement (cont.):**

**DS 2019-071 by Christopher Johnson of Superior Fences & Rail Inc.**

The petitioner was not present.

Mr. Madani presented the background on the petition and provided the full staff analysis as follows:

**Question 1:** When the gate latch is located at least 54" from the bottom of the gate, is a barrier that has no opening greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism, still required?

**Answer:** The answer to Petitioner's question is yes. As per section R4501.17.1.8 of the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Residential, the gate and the barrier in question must have no opening greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.

**Question 2:** If a magnetic top pull latch is installed at least 54" from the bottom of the gate, can the release mechanism and the self-latching locking device both be located on the outside of the gate?

**Answer:** The answer to the Petitioner's question is no. As per section R4501.17.1.8 of the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Residential, the self-latching locking device for the project in question must be located on the pool side of the gate and the release mechanism may be located on either side of the gate.

**Public Comments:** Dallas Theisen, FSPA expressed concerns and stated that further discussion is needed on this issue.

Mr. Guerasio entered a motion to accept the staff analysis for the declaratory statement. Mr. Pabst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

**Adjournment: 4:20 p.m.**

Commissioner Batts thanked everyone for their participation and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Guerasio entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.