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HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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March 23, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Minutes

HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Bourré, Chairman

Sergio Ascunce

Joe Belcher

David Compton

Jeff Gross

Michelle Hunt

Julie Lowrey for Korah Parackal

Craig Parrino

Rebecca Quinn

Mike Savage

Brad Schiffer

Jeffery Schnellmann

Jim Schock

Brian Swope

HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

John “Bud” Plisich

Vince Seijas

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani

Jim Hammers

Sabrina Evans

Marlita Peters

Justin Vogel

Alan Burke

MEETING FACILITATION:

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: facilitatedsolutions.org

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Welcome:

Mr. Blair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee.

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the HRAC. A quorum was determined with 14 members present at roll call

Agenda Approval:

Commissioner Compton entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Mr. Schnellmann seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Approval of Meeting minutes from July 28, 2025:

Commissioner Compton entered a motion to approve the minutes for July 28, 2025, meeting as posted. Commissioner Schock seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Reach Work Plan FY 2026/2027:

Mr. Madani briefly updated and reviewed the process of the Research Work Plan FY 2026/2027.

Motion:

Commissioner Compton entered a motion to accept the Research Work Plan FY 2026/2027. Mr. Schnellmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Interim Draft Reports:

Mr. Blair provided details on the process for the Interim Draft Report.

A) Best Practices for Hurricane Season Utilization of Tower Cranes and Hoisting Equipment

Staff:

Mr. Madani provided a brief overview of the process on the Interim Draft Report titled “Best Practices for Hurricane Season Utilization of Tower Cranes and Hoisting Equipment.”

Presenter:

Dr. Jennifer Bridges, UF provided details on the Interim Draft Report titled “Best Practices for Hurricane Season Utilization of Tower Cranes and Hoisting Equipment.”

Discussion:

Members of the Committee and Dr. Bridges went into discussion with questions and comments.

Motion:

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the Interim Draft Report titled “Best Practices for Hurricane Season Utilization of Tower Cranes and Hoisting Equipment.” Mr. Savage seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

B) Assessment of Windborne Debris Risk in Florida

Staff:

Mr. Madani provided a brief overview of the process on the Interim Draft Report titled “Assessment of Windborne Debris Risk in Florida.”

Discussion:

Members of the Committee and Dr. Bridges went into discussion with questions and comments.

Presenter:

Dr. Jennifer Bridge, UF provided details on the Interim Draft Report titled “Assessment of Windborne Debris Risk in Florida.”

Public Comment:

Shane Gerwig provided a comment.

Motion:

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the Interim Draft Report titled “Assessment of Windborne Debris Risk in Florida.” Mr. Belcher seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Schellman provided a comment and asked the Committee to modify the motion to include an explanation regarding to what extent project specific data was or was not available, to what extent simulation-based modeling was or was not relied on for developing recommendations, and to what extent the model design and the data used in the modeling was calibrated, validated, verified and otherwise evaluated and vetted for accuracy of the simulation results.

Commissioner Schock and Mr. Belcher agreed to modify the motion for “Assessment of Windborne Debris Risk in Florida.”

Commissioner Schock provided a comment.

Amended Motion:

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the Interim Draft Report titled: “Assessment of Windborne Debris Risk In Florida” [“Investigation of the Windborne Debris Regions in ASCE 7-22, Phase II”] as amended, to include an explanation regarding to what extent project specific data was or was not available, to what extent simulation-based modeling was or was not relied on for developing recommendations, and to what extent the model design and the data used in the modeling was calibrated, validated, verified and otherwise evaluated and vetted for accuracy of the simulation results. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Other Workshop Business:

None.

Public Comment:

HRAC Member and Staff Comment:

None.

Adjourn:

Chairman Bourré thanked everyone for their participation, and he adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.