

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION

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Plenary Session

May 10, 2023

2:30 p.m.

Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James Batts	Brian Langille
Michael Bourré	Asael Marrero
Donald Brown	Brad Schiffer
David Compton	Fred Schilling
Jeff Gross	Brian Swope
Rodney Hershberger	Tim Tolbert
David John	Stephen Wilcox

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:

James Schock, Chairman	Grey Marker
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STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani	Jim Hammers
Justin Vogel	Sabrina Evans
Thomas Campbell	Marlita Peters

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Bourré welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public to the May 10, 2023 virtual plenary session of the Florida Building Commission via webinar and teleconference.

Vice-Chairman Bourré stated the focus of this meeting is to consider comments regarding model code updates to referenced standards for the development of the draft Florida Building Code, 8th Edition, (2023), and to receive an interim report from the University of Florida regarding its “Survey and Investigation of Buildings Damaged by Hurricane Ian.”

Vice-Chairman Bourré stated as always, we will provide an opportunity for public comment on each of the Commission’s substantive discussion topics. If you want to comment on a specific substantive Commission agenda item, please wait until the facilitator invites members of the public to speak at the appropriate times throughout the meeting. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person. Public input is welcome, but should be offered before the Commission begins discussion or there is a formal motion on the floor.

Roll Call:

Mr. Campbell performed roll call for the Florida Building Commission. A quorum was determined with 14 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to approve the agenda for today’s meeting as posted. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Rule Development Workshop for Rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Administrative Code:

Mr. Campbell briefly detailed the process for the Rule Development Workshop for rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Administrative Code.

Mr. Campbell briefly updated the Commissioners on the TACs’ and Workgroup’s recommendations.

Presenter:

Eric Stafford provided details on his comment to update ICC 500 and ICC 600 to their 2020 Editions in the 8th Edition, (2023) update to the Florida Building Code.

Support:

Joe Belcher, FHBA, spoke in support of the comment.

Public Comment:

Mike Silvers, FRSA, provided a comment.

Motion:

Commissioner Swope entered a motion to approve the comment as submitted except Chapter 7 of ICC 600. Commissioner Batts seconded the motion.

Commissioner:

Commissioner Swope provided a comment.

Motion Continued:

The motion failed with a vote of 10 to 4.

Alternative Motion:

Commissioner Brown entered a motion to approve as submitted. Commissioner Bourré seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Comments Not Addressing Model Code Updates to Referenced Standards:

Presenter:

Rolando Soto, Mechanical Chief Code Officer, provided details on his proposed bathroom fan code amendment.

Staff:

Mr. Vogel provided a legal statement.

Motion:

Commissioner Compton entered a motion to deny the comment submitted by Rolando Soto. Commissioner John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Motion:

Commissioner Brown entered a motion to proceed with rulemaking for Rule 61G20-1.001(1), Florida Building Code Adopted, incorporating all approved amendments, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Interim Draft report for the Research Project titled “Survey and Investigation of Buildings Damaged by Hurricane Ian”

Presenter:

Dr. David Prevatt, University of Florida and Dr. David Roueche, Auburn University, updated the commissioners on the research project “Survey and Investigation of Buildings Damaged by Hurricane Ian.”

Discussion:

Commissioner Brown, Dr. David Prevatt, and Dr. David Roueche went into discussion with questions and comments.

Public Comment:

Arlene Stewart and Dr. David Prevatt went into discussion with questions and comments.

Motion:

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to accept the University of Florida’s interim report for the survey and investigation of buildings damaged by Hurricane Ian. Commissioner John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 14 to 0.

Commissioner Comment:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjourn Commission Plenary Session:

Vice-Chairman Bourré stated there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.