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HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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**May 24, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Bourré, Chairman  
Sergio Ascunce  
Joe Belcher  
Anne Cope, Ph.D.  
Jeffery Gross

Mark Mikkelson  
Mike Savage  
Jeffery Schnellmann  
Jim Schock  
Vince Seijas

**HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
NOT PRESENT:**

David Compton  
Craig Parrino  
John "Bud" Plisich

Rebecca Quinn  
Brad Schiffer  
Brian Swope

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mo Madani  
Jim Hammers  
Sabrina Evans  
Robert Lorenzo

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](https://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 10 members present at roll call.

**Agenda Approval:**

Mr. Savage entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Mr. Seijas seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

**Approval of Meeting minutes from April 17, 2024:**

Mr. Seijas entered a motion to approve the minutes for April 17, 2024, meeting as posted. Mr. Savage seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

**Research Work Plan FY 2024/2025**

Mr. Madani briefly updated and reviewed the Research Work Plan FY 2024/2025.

**Motion:**

Mr. Seijas entered a motion to approve the Research Workplan for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

**Proposed Scope of Work for the following Research Projects:**

- 1) The Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion Through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems During Hurricanes.**

**Proponent:**

Omar Nofal, Assistant Professor at UF, provided details on the proposed research project “Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion Through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems During Hurricanes.”

**Discussion:**

Members of the Committee, staff, and Mr. Nofal went into discussion with questions and comments.

**Public Comment:**

Mark Fisher provided a comment.

Travis Moore, Lobbyist, provided a comment.

**Motion:**

Mr. Seijas entered a motion to recommend that the Commission approve FIU's Scope of Work for the research project titled: "An Experimental Testing Approach for Understanding and Mitigating Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems During Hurricanes," pursuant to the requirements of HB 1021, and to charge DBPR staff with contracting, administering and overseeing the research, and negotiating scoping and funding levels as appropriate. Mr. Schnellmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

**2) Investigation of the Wind-borne Debris Region in ASCE 7-22**

**Proponent:**

Jennifer Bridge, UF, provided details on the proposed project "Investigation of the Wind-borne Debris Region in ASCE 7-22."

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Schock asked Dr. Bridge question.

Ms. Bridge provided an answer to Commissioner Schock's question.

**Public Comment:**

Jeff Sciaudone, ARA, provided a comment.

**Committee:**

Mr. Belcher provided a comment.

**Public Comment:**

Jaime Gascon, Miami-Dade County, provided a comment.

**Motion:**

Mr. Savage entered a motion to recommend that the Commission approve UF's Scope of Work for the research project titled: "Investigation of the Wind-borne Debris Regions in ASCE 7-22," and to charge DBPR staff with contracting, administering, and overseeing the research, and negotiating scoping and funding levels as appropriate. Commissioner Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

**Other Workshop Business:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**HRAC Member and Staff Comment:**

None.

**Adjourn:**

Chairman Bourré thanked everyone for their participation, and he adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.