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## REPORT TO THE 2026 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



### I. ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**MEETINGS.** During the reporting period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 (fiscal year 2024 – 2025) the Commission conducted five virtual meetings and two in-person meetings.

**OVERVIEW.** The primary focus of the Florida Building Commission during the reporting period was the development of the Florida Building Code, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), and the implementation of legislation from the 2024 and 2025 legislative sessions.

During the initial step of the update process for the Florida Building Code, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, (2026), the Commission reviewed 1,500 changes from the 2024 international model codes and approved 658 changes. Additionally, during the second step of the update process, the Commission's Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) reviewed 556 code modifications submitted by members of the public and recommended for approval 345 modifications for inclusion in the Florida Building Code, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, (2026). The plan is for the Commission to consider and take actions on the TACs' recommendations during its December 2025 meeting.

Entering its twenty-seventh year, the Commission is focused primarily on the maintenance of existing processes and programs, while continuing to work with stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of the Florida Building Code System by continuously monitoring, evaluating, and refining the System using their facilitated stakeholder driven consensus-building process.

**PROCESS.** During the reporting period the Commission continued its focus on consensus-building efforts regarding the implementation of Commission policy, with extensive input from building construction industry stakeholders, and interests affected by Commission policy. Commission Chair Michael Bourré encouraged and led the Commission's consensus-building efforts supported by DBPR Commission staff.

**RESEARCH—SCIENCE BASED HURRICANE AND CODE PROTECTIONS.** The Florida Building Commission has continuously assessed building systems and component failures identified after major storms since its inception in 1998, and in response has funded research to strengthen the Code's effectiveness against wind and water intrusion based on these assessments. Assessments after the implementation of the Florida Building Code indicate that the research-based wind standards required by the Code's enhancements were adequate, and buildings built to the new Florida Building Code experienced less severe damage than did older buildings not built to the Florida Building Code. Although the Code is by law a minimum building code, the Florida Building Code is one of the strongest consensus and science-based building code in the country. The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) ranked

the Florida Building Code as number two in their 2024 assessments of residential building enforcement systems for life safety and property protection in hurricane-prone regions.

The Commission has been funding hurricane resistance research based on legislatively approved spending authority since the formation of the Commission's Hurricane Research Advisory Committee (HRAC) in 2005. In addition to hurricane resistance, the Commission expanded the funding of research projects in August of 2013 to include other Code related topical areas to ensure the development of Code amendments that make Florida's structures, and the products that comprise them, more resilient. Starting in 2019 the Commission voted to again restrict the funding of research projects to hurricane resistance research because of the frequency and severity of the impacts of recent hurricanes to Florida.

During the reporting period—based on recommendations from the HRAC and Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) technical staff—the Commission approved the funding of three research projects for Fiscal Year 2024–2025. As a result of evaluating proposed research projects in the context of established evaluation criteria, the Commission sponsored the following research projects:

- Reviewing the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems during Hurricanes
- Investigation of the Wind-borne Debris Regions in ASCE 7-22.
- Review and consider Possible Technical Changes to section 553.9065, Florida Statutes.

In addition, as part of the 2025/2026 research program, the Commission has approved the following research projects:

- Assessment of Wind-borne Debris Risk in Florida.
- Best Practices for Hurricane Season Utilization of Tower Cranes and Hoisting Equipment.

During the reporting period the Commission continued its commitment to evaluating and amending the Code as needed based on storm damage investigations, through periodic updates and reviews of research projects and investigations. The Commission's technical advisory committee and the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee have reviewed and approved the final reports for those research projects funded as part of the 204/2025 research program and reviewed and approved the scope of work for those research projects approved for funding as part of the 2025/2026 research program.

As previously reported, investigations and analysis of the impacts of Hurricane Ian conducted by the University of Florida demonstrated that houses built to the Florida Building Code (FBC) performed better than those not built to the Code. Continuing this commitment to resilience, following the landfall of Hurricanes Helene (Category 4) and Milton (Category 3) in fall 2024, the Commission authorized the University of Florida to conduct a formal building damage assessment survey under its ongoing contract with DBPR. The final results were presented at the Commission's June 2025 meeting, reaffirmed that structures built in accordance with the FBC sustained less damage than older or non-compliant buildings. The Commission will continue to review UF's final findings to inform future Code development and research priorities.

**2026 CODE UPDATE.** Florida law requires the Commission to update the Florida Building Code every three years. The 2026 code update process began on February 13, 2024, when the Commission voted to select the 2024 International Codes (I-Code), and 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC) for review in the development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code.

In late September 2024, the Commission’s TACs reviewed and provided recommendations to the Commission regarding the inclusion of certain I-Code changes in the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code. The Florida Building Commission met in December 2024 and approved 658 of the 1500 I-Code changes. Further, in late June 2025 and as part of step two of the code development process, the Commission’s TACs reviewed and provided recommendations to the Commission regarding a total of 556 proposed code modifications submitted by the public. The TACs recommended that the Commission approve 345 of the 556 proposed modifications. Currently, the plan is for the Commission to consider and take final action on the TACs’ recommendations during its December 2025 meeting.

The following is a table reflecting the key tasks and associated Workplan schedule for the 2026 Code Update Process:

<b>9TH EDITION (2026), FLORIDA BUILDING CODE DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>KEY TASKS</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>
Commission selects 2024 I Codes “model codes” and 2023 NEC to conduct its review.	February 13, 2024 Completed
TACs review the changes to the I Codes and make recommendations to the Commission.	September 12-20, 2024 Completed
Commission considers TACs’ recommendations regarding the latest changes to the model codes.	December 10, 2024 Completed
TACs consider proposed amendments (1 <sup>st</sup> 45-day comment period)	June 16-27, 2025 Completed
TACs consider public comments on their actions on the proposed amendments.	October 6-10, 2025 Pending
Commission considers TAC’s recommendations (2 <sup>nd</sup> 45-day comment period) in a Rule Development Workshop.	December 9-10, 2025 Pending
TACs consider public comments on Rule Development Workshop comments on Commission’s Adopted Draft Code and provide recommendations to the Commission	February 23-24, 2026 Pending
Commission conducts rule development workshop on the Commission’s package of approved Code amendments for the Florida Building Code, 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition (2023)	March 16, 2026 Pending
Commission conducts rule workshop on the Commission’s package of approved Code amendments for the Florida Building Code, 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition (2023).	May 12, 2026 Pending
Final rule adoption hearing on Florida Building Code, 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition (2023)—Commission approves final version of the Code.	June 19, 2026 Pending
Florida Building Code, 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition (2026) Effective Date.	December 31, 2026 Pending

**ENERGY CODE INITIATIVES.** During the reporting period, the Commission continued its support for energy code compliance and research through approval of compliance software and oversight of energy-related projects. The Commission voted at its October 15, 2024, meeting to approve the “IESE (Integrated

Environmental Solutions Virtual Environment” software program for demonstrating compliance with the 2023 Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation (8th Edition):

**PRODUCT APPROVAL.** The Product Approval system is an internet-based system operated and administered by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Since January 1, 2014, DBPR staff have been administering the Product Approval System, and stakeholders continue to report a high level of satisfaction with DBPR staff’s administration of the System.

The Product Approval system efficiently processes hundreds of applications monthly. The Commission’s Product Approval Program Oversight Committee (POC) convenes prior to every Commission meeting to review product and entity applications, address petitions for declaratory statements, and consider enhancements to the product approval system. Since the system went into effect in October of 2003, the Commission has approved 45,246 product applications, and 195,686 products for statewide use within limitations established by the approvals. In addition, the total number of product approval applications approved to the 2023 Code is 7,162 (7,901 total in the System), the total number of products approved to the 2023 Code is 29,094 (31,536 total in the System), and the total number of entities approved to the 2023 Code is 134 (454 total in the System).

**EDUCATION.** Education is one of the cornerstones of the Building Code System, and the effectiveness of the Building Code depends on the knowledge of professionals who design and construct buildings. The Commission continues to work with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and representatives of the licensing boards to establish a cooperative system for approving building code courses and integrating building code continuing education into licensing requirements. In collaboration with the System Administrator and stakeholders, the Commission is working to ensure the accountability and efficacy of the Education System. During the reporting period the Commission continued to efficiently review and approve course and accreditor applications.

**BINDING INTERPRETATION PROCESS.** The Commission coordinates with the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) on appointments to the Binding Interpretation Panel. The Panel consists of seven members charged with hearing requests to review decisions of local building officials. The Panel has heard 42 binding interpretations regarding the Florida Building Code to date.

**FLORIDA ACCESSIBILITY CODE FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION (FACBC) DECLARATORY STATEMENTS.** In 2014, the Florida Building Commission was granted authority by the Florida Legislature to interpret the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction (FACBC). There were no interpretations issued during the reporting period, and to date the Commission has issued five interpretations regarding petitions for declaratory statements on the FACBC.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSIGNMENTS.** The Florida Building Commission provides a forum for stakeholders representing key interests to participate in a consensus-building process where issues affecting the construction industry are discussed and evaluated on their technical merits and the cost/benefits to the citizens of the State of Florida. In addition, because of the Commission’s proven consensus-building process and success in developing consensus on complex and controversial issues, the Florida Legislature frequently assigns policy issues to the Commission for evaluation and implementation.

The 2025 Florida Legislature passed HB 551 which amends s. 553.7932, F.S., to clarify certain aspects of the simplified permitting process for certain fire alarm system projects and fire sprinkler system projects. The bill requires local enforcement agencies to issue a permit within 2 business days after the submission of a



completed application and to perform inspections within 3 business days after receiving an inspection request. The bill also adds the replacement of an existing fire alarm panel to the type of projects that can use the simplified permitting process and requires local enforcement agencies to establish a simplified permitting process by October 1, 2025.

In response the Commission will start the rulemaking process to update the Florida Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023).

The 2025 Florida Legislature passed HB 683 which creates a definition of synthetic turf and requires the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt minimum standards and rules for the installation of synthetic turf; prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that prohibits, or is enforced to prohibit, property owners from installing synthetic turf meeting certain standards on single-family residential property of a specified size; prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing specified ordinances, resolutions, orders, rules, or policies that regulate synthetic turf which are inconsistent with specified standards; creates s. 218.755, F.S.; requires local governmental entities to approve or deny certain price quotes and provide notice to contractors within a specified timeframe; requires denials to specify alleged deficiencies and actions necessary to remedy such deficiencies; prohibits the state or political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from penalizing or rewarding bidders for performing larger or smaller volumes of construction work for the state or political subdivisions; mandates that at least one support rail must adhere to specific standards in elevators; revises the definition of certified alarm system contractor; adds “single-trade plans review” to the existing definition of “single-trade inspection”; requires that a notice of private inspection services specify whether a scheduled inspection will be conducted virtually or in person; authorizes a private provider to use an automated or software-based plans review for code compliance; and requires a building official to issue a permit related to single-trade plan review for single-family or two-family dwellings within five days after receipt of the permit and affidavit and prohibits local governments from requiring copies of contracts and certain associated documents for the issuance of building permits or as a requirement for submitting building permit applications.

In response the Commission will start the rulemaking process to update the Florida Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023).

The 2025 Florida Legislature passed HB 913, which amends s. 553.899(3)(a), F.S., to narrow the scope of the milestone inspection program to apply only to residential condominium and cooperative buildings that are three or more habitable stories in height, rather than any buildings three or more stories in height. The bill amends s. 553.899(11), F.S., to require local governments to adopt ordinances mandating that associations commence repairs for substantial structural deterioration within 365 days of receiving a phase two milestone inspection report. It creates s. 553.899(12), F.S., establishing conflict-of-interest disclosure requirements for architects and engineers who bid on milestone inspections and any subsequent repair work. Design professionals or contractors must disclose relationships with the inspection firm or related entities, or the agreement may be rendered void. Violations may constitute grounds for disciplinary action under applicable practice acts. The bill also creates s. 553.899(13), F.S., requiring local enforcement agencies to submit electronic reports to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) beginning October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter. Reports must include detailed data on milestone inspection activity, building safety status, and permitting. DBPR must then submit this data to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA), which is required to deliver a report to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In response the Commission will start the rulemaking process to update the Florida Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023).

In 2025, the Florida Legislature passed SB 180, which adds provisions relating to the regulation of hoisting equipment during a hurricane. Adds section 489.1132, F.S. as a new section (Regulation of Hoisting Equipment Used in Construction, Demolition, or Excavation During a Hurricane) to provide specific provisions regarding hoisting equipment used in construction, demolition, or excavation work during a hurricane. In part the bill requires that the Commission establish best practices for the utilization of tower cranes and hoisting equipment on construction job sites during hurricane season and to report its findings to the Legislature by December 31, 2026.

In response to this directive, the Commission is in the process of initiating a research project to research and assist with the development of standards for best practice for the utilization of tower cranes and hoisting equipment on construction job sites during hurricane season. This will involve assembling a project team of experts consisting of individuals/entities with extensive experience in the design and construction of tower cranes and hoisting equipment. The project team will review existing design and construction standards for tower cranes and hoisting equipment and provide specific recommendations for review and consideration.

**RECOMMENDATIONS.** Monitoring the building code system and determining refinements that will make it function better is a primary responsibility of the Commission, and consequently the Commission is continually affecting refinements to the building code system by administrative rule amendments where the statutes provide authority. However, the building code system is established in law, requiring that some refinement must be implemented through changes to law.

As a general approach, the Commission works with building construction industry stakeholders to build consensus on legislative assignments and on amendments to the Florida Building Code implemented through rulemaking and relies on industry groups to take the lead in proposing specific legislation to implement proposed changes to statute.

The Commission's consensus-developed recommendations for statutory changes designed to improve the system's effectiveness are developed in collaboration with industry stakeholders, who generally take the lead on initiating any specific legislative proposals. The Commission has no specific recommendations for 2026 Legislative actions deriving from Commission activities during the reporting period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.



## II. APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A

#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE OVERVIEW

In 1974, Florida adopted a state minimum building code law requiring all local governments to adopt and enforce a building code. The system provided four separate model codes that local governments could consider and adopt to establish minimum standards of health and life safety for the public. In that system, the state's role was limited to adopting all or relevant parts of new editions of the four model codes. Local governments could amend and enforce their local codes as they saw fit.

Hurricane Andrew demonstrated in 1992 that this system of local codes did not provide the level of public protection that was necessary. The South Florida Building Code, which was the local code universally acknowledged to set the strongest standard for hurricane protection, essentially failed. The resulting problems had impacts well beyond southern Miami-Dade County. The state filled the property insurer void left by failed and fleeing private insurance companies, and the federal government poured billions of dollars of aid into the disaster area. It became starkly apparent that the state had a significant interest in the effectiveness of building codes.

After Hurricane Andrew, Miami-Dade County conducted an exhaustive review of its building code and made significant changes to both the code and support systems for code enforcement. In other areas of the state the Florida Board of Building Codes and Standards (the predecessor to the Florida Building Commission) adopted significant upgrades to the wind resistance standards of the model state minimum code that was used by most other local governments. The state also began licensing local governments' building code enforcement personnel. These steps proved critical in leading to the building codes that produced improved building performance in the 2004 - 2005 hurricane seasons.

Like Miami-Dade County, the State went beyond modernizing the minimum building codes. In 1996 a study commission was appointed to review the system of local codes created by the 1974 law and to make recommendations for modernizing the entire system. The 1998 Legislature adopted the study commission's recommendations for a single state building code and an enhanced oversight role for the state in local code enforcement. The same legislation created the Florida Building Commission to develop and maintain the Florida Building Code and related programs and processes. The 2000 Legislature authorized implementation of the Florida Building Code, and the first edition replaced all local codes on March 1, 2002. There have been eight Code editions to date, and the Commission initiated the development of the Florida Building Code, 9th Edition (2026) in February of 2024, which make the ninth code edition.

Although the Code is by law a minimum building code, the Florida Building Code is the strongest consensus and science-based building code in the country. The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) ranked the Florida Building Code as number one in its 2018 assessment of residential building code enforcement systems for life safety and property protection in hurricane prone regions.

## APPENDIX B

### COMMISSION REPRESENTATION AND PROCESS

**COMMISSION REPRESENTATION.** The Florida Building Commission is an appointed stakeholder representative group that successfully created, implemented, and maintains and updates the statewide Florida Building Code. The 2020 Florida Legislature reduced the number of Commissioners from 27 to 19 effective January 1, 2021. The Commission is currently comprised of 19 members appointed to represent specific building construction industry stakeholder interests. They are as follows: three municipal, county, or district code enforcement officials, a persons with disabilities representative, a building owners and managers industry representative, an insurance industry representative, a certified general or building contractor, a certified residential contractor, an architect, a structural engineer, an air-conditioning contractor or a mechanical contractor or engineer, an electrical contractor or electrical engineer, a plumbing contractor, a roofing or sheet metal contractor, a manufactured buildings industry representative, a building products manufacturing industry representative, a swimming pool contractor, a natural gas distribution system representative, and the chief resilience officer or their designee.

**CONSENSUS PROCESS.** The Florida Building Commission (Commission) seeks to develop consensus decisions on its recommendations and policy decisions. The General consensus is a participatory process whereby, on matters of substance, the members strive for agreements which all the members can accept, support, live with or agree not to oppose. In instances where, after vigorously exploring possible ways to enhance the members' support for the final decision on substantive decisions, and the Commission finds that 100 percent acceptance or support is not achievable, final decisions require at least a 75 percent favorable vote of all members present and voting. This super majority decision rule underscores the importance of actively developing consensus throughout the process on substantive issues with the participation of all members and which all can live with and support.

The Commission's consensus process is conducted as an open public process with multiple opportunities for the public to provide input to the Commission on substantive issues. At each Commission meeting, the public is welcome to speak during the public comment opportunity provided for each substantive issue under consideration, as well as during the public comment periods provided at the end of each meeting. In addition, most substantive issues before the Commission go through a technical advisory committee review or workgroup process where consensus recommendations are developed by appointed representative stakeholder interests, providing extensive opportunities for public input. In addition, many of the Commission's decisions require rule development to implement, affording additional entry points for public input.

Since its formation in July of 1998, the Commission has demonstrated a commitment to working with affected interests to build consensus on complex issues. The adoption of the first edition of the Florida Building Code (2001 Edition), developed from September 1998 through January of 2001, involved 27 Commission meetings, dozens of facilitated public workshops and hundreds of TAC meetings. The Commission has consistently worked with all affected interests to build the best possible consensus-based Building Code for the citizens of Florida. Through its committees and workgroups comprised of experts, the Commission has always developed its decisions based on analysis of the results of the best engineering and science available. Since 1999 the Commission has convened 70 special issue stakeholder workgroups to develop broad based consensus recommendations on issues of concern to building construction industry stakeholders.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPENDIX C</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEY TO COMMON ABBREVIATIONS</b></p>
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ABBREVIATION	DEFINITION
ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
ADAAG	ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities
BCSA	Florida Building Code System Assessment
BOAF	Building Officials Association of Florida
DACS or FDACS	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
DBPR	Department of Business and Professional Regulations
DCA	Department of Community Affairs (Abolished in 2011)
DEP or FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOH or FDOH	Florida Department of Health
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FACBC	Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction
FAR	Florida Administrative Register
FBC	Florida Building Code
FBC	Florida Building Commission
FECC	Florida Energy and Conservation Code
FIU	Florida International University
FSEC	Florida Solar Energy Center (University of Central Florida)
FSU	Florida State University
IBC	International Building Code
ICC	International Code Council
POC	Program Oversight Committee (Education and Product Approval)
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
UCF	University of Central Florida
UF	University of Florida

## APPENDIX D

### COMMISSION MILESTONES AND PLENARY SESSION MEETING SUMMARIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024

#### **\*June 18, 2024**

The Commission conducts its June 18, 2024, meeting virtually. The Commission votes to: 1) Approve the Commission’s Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Annual Report (Report to 2025 Legislature), including Commission actions taken during June 18, 2024 meeting, and to charge the Chair with reviewing and approving the Final Report prior to submittal to the Legislature and Governor; 2) Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code; 3) Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 9th Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; 4) Adopt the TAC 2024 Model Code Updates Review Process for development of the 9th Edition (2026), Florida Building; 5) Adopt the Commission 2024 Model Code Updates Review and Approval Process for development of the 9th Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; 6) Approve the Research Workplan for fiscal year 2024 - 2025; 7) Approve UCF-FSEC’s proposed Scope of Work and the funding for the Research Project Titled: “Review and Consider Possible Changes to the Thermal Efficiency Standards for Unvented Attic and Unvented Enclosed Rafter Assemblies” pursuant to the requirements of HB 267, and to charge staff with contracting, administering and overseeing the research, and negotiating scoping and funding levels as appropriate; 8) Approve FIU’s Scope of Work and the funding 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; 9) Approve UF’s Scope of Work and the funding 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; 10) Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Annual Regulatory Plan as presented, and to authorize publication of the Plan by DBPR, and 11) Approve initiating the rulemaking process for Rule 61G20-2.005, F.A.C., to update the private provider form, and to delegate authority to Alan Burke to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

#### **August 13, 2024**

The Commission conducts its August 13, 2024, meeting in Daytona Beach Florida. The Commission votes to: **1)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023), Florida Building Code; **2)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; **3)** Select the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code as the model code for conducting the Commission’s model code update review process for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation; **4)** Adopt the TAC Preliminary Recommendations to the Commission Code

Amendments Review Process for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building; **5)** Adopt the TAC Final Recommendations to the Commission Code Amendments Review Process for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building; **6)** Adopt the Commission Code Amendments Review and Approval Process for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; **7)** Proceed with rulemaking for the rulemaking involving the implementation of the Milestone Inspection Program pursuant to Chapter 120 and Section 553.73(8), Florida Statutes, and incorporate the Commission’s adopted amendments into the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) Florida Building Code, and to delegate authority to Alan Burke to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission; **8)** Continue with rule development for the rulemaking involving errata and glitches related to the 2024 legislative session in order to allow for the consideration of a potential additional amendment necessary to update the refrigerant standard ASHRAE 15 to the 2022 edition; and **9)** Proceed with the rulemaking process for Rule 61G20-2.005, Florida Administrative Code, to update the private provider form, and to delegate authority to Alan Burke to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

**August 23, 2024** The Commission conducts its 23 August 2024 Special Issue Commission meeting virtually. The Commission considers and decides on accessibility waiver applications postponed because of Hurricane Debby canceling previously scheduled meetings.

**October 15, 2024** The Commission conducts its October 15, 2024, meeting virtually. The Commission receives a briefing regarding UF’s preliminary assessment of building damage caused by Hurricane Helene (September 26, 2024 – Big Bend Region, Florida), and Hurricane Milton (October 9, 2024 – Siesta Key, Florida). The Commission votes to: **1)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023), Florida Building Code; **2)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; and **3)** Approve Energy Code Compliance Software for the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, specifically Integrated Environmental Solutions’ (IESVE), Software Version 2023 for demonstrating compliance with commercial building energy requirements using the ASHRAE 90.12019 Appendix G Performance Rating Method, and the ASHRAE 90.1-2019 Energy Cost Budget Performance Rating Method, and to authorize DBPR staff to approve non-consequential changes to the software as needed.

**November 23, 2024** The Commission conducts its November 23, 2024, Special Issue Commission meeting virtually. The Commission votes to approve the Final Report for the Research Project Titled: *“Review and Consider Possible Technical Changes to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes,”* based on the Energy TAC’s recommendation. The Commission votes to approve the Final Report for the Research Project Titled: *Reviewing the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems during Hurricanes,”* based on the Hurricane Research Committee’s recommendation.

**December 10, 2024** The Commission conducts its December 10, 2024, meeting in St. Augustine Beach, Florida. The Commission votes to: **1)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule

for development of the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023), Florida Building Code; **2)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; **3)** Approve the updates to the Approved Final Report for the Research Project Titled: “*Review and Consider Possible Technical Changes to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes*,” and to recommend that the Legislature incorporate the specified technical amendments, as updated, into section 553.9065, Florida Statutes; **4)** Incorporate the Commission’s approved glitch amendment into the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023), Florida Building Code, pursuant to Rule 61G20-1.001 – Florida Building Code Adopted, to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule, and subsequently to proceed with rule adoption, and to delegate authority to Alan Burke to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission; and **5)** Adopt the package of approved 2024 Model Code Changes for inclusion into the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code, pursuant to Rule 61G20-1.001 – Florida Building Code Adopted, and to proceed with rule development for Rule 61G20-1.001 – Florida Building Code Adopted.

**DECEMBER 20, 2024** The Commission conducts its 20 December 2024 Special Issue Commission meeting virtually. The Commission votes to approve the amendments drafted by staff, publish a notice of change, and thereafter proceed with rule adoption for the Milestone Inspection Program pursuant to Chapter 120 and Section 553.73(8), Florida Statutes, to incorporate the Commission’s adopted amendment into the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) Florida Building Code, Existing Building, and to delegate authority to Alan Burke to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

**February 11, 2025** The Commission conducts its February 11, 2025, meeting virtually. The Commission unanimously votes to: Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023), Florida Building Code.

**April 15, 2025** The Commission conducts its April 15, 2025, meeting virtually. The Commission unanimously votes to: **1)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; **2)** Adopt the revised *TAC Preliminary Recommendations to the Commission Code Amendments Review Process*, the revised *TAC Final Recommendations to the Commission Code Amendments Review Process*, and the revised *Commission Code Amendments Review and Approval Process* for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; **3)** Approve the Interim Report Regarding the Survey of Building Damage from Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton; and **4)** Incorporate the Commission’s approved glitch amendments into the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023), Florida Building Code, to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rule 61G20-1.001, and subsequently to proceed with rule adoption, and to delegate authority to Alan Burke to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

**June 10, 2025** The Commission conducts its June 10, 2025, meeting virtually. The Commission unanimously votes to: **1)** Approve the Draft Final Report Regarding the Survey of Building Damage from Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton; **2)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for the Adopted 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023), Florida Building Code; **3)** Approve the updated Workplan and Schedule for development of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2026), Florida Building Code; **4)** Approve the Research Workplan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; **5)** Approve funding two (2) research projects for fiscal year 2025 –

2026 based on the HRAC's recommended priority order, and to charge staff with contracting, administering and overseeing the research, and negotiating scoping and funding levels as appropriate; and **6)** Approve the 2025 – 2026 Annual Regulatory Plan as presented, and to authorize publication of the Plan by DBPR.