

**ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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**JUNE 16, 2025
1:30 P.M.**

Minutes

ACCESSIBILITY TAC PRESENT:

Jeff Gross, Chairman
John Garra
Laurel Martin

Barbara Page
Brad Schiffer
Fred Schilling

ACCESSIBILITY TAC NOT PRESENT:

Jack Humburg

Larry Schneider

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Burke
Justin Vogel
Marlita Peters
Chip Sellers

Mo Madani
Sabrina Evans
Jim Hammers

MEETING FACILITATION:

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

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Agenda Approval:

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

Approval of the minutes from September 12, 2024:

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2024, as posted. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

To accept public input and provide recommendations on the proposed code changes for the update to the 9th Edition (2026) Florida Building Code and local Amendments, as applicable:

Mr. Blair provided an overview of the process for making recommendations about the proposed code modifications.

Motion:

Commissioner Schiffer made the following motion: that for all motions to approve a proposed Code amendment, the Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation shall be based on the following findings, pursuant to the requirements of sections 553.73 (9)(a) and (9)(b), F.S.: A. The amendment is needed in order to accommodate the specific needs of this state, B. The amendment has a reasonable and substantial connection to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public, C. The amendment strengthens or improves the Florida Building Code, or in the case of innovation or new technology, will provide equivalent or better products or methods or systems of construction, D. The amendment does not discriminate against materials, products, methods, or systems of construction of demonstrated capabilities, E. The amendment does not degrade the effectiveness of the Florida Building Code, F. The amendment has the following fiscal impact relative to the costs and benefits of the proposed amendment: 1. The fiscal impact relative to enforcement imposed upon local government is as indicated by the proponent. 2. The fiscal impact of compliance imposed upon building and property owners is as indicated by the proponent. 3. The fiscal impact relative to compliance imposed upon industry is as indicated by the proponent. 4. The amendment demonstrates by evidence or data that the state's geographical jurisdiction exhibits a need to strengthen the code beyond the needs or regional variations addressed by the code and why the proposed amendment applies to this state; G. The

amendment's benefits noted with regard to fiscal impact and efficacy outweigh the costs imposed, and H. The amendment does not diminish requirements related to wind resistance or prevention of water intrusion contained in the Code or its referenced standards and criteria. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

Staff:

Mr. Madani reviewed the materials to review the proposed code modifications.

A11993

Proponent:

James Schock provided a summary of modification A11993.

Barbara Page joined the meeting, making the quorum 6 members present.

Support:

Shane Gerwig spoke in support of modification A11993.

Opposition:

Scott McAdams, BOAF, spoke in opposition to modification A11993.

TAC:

Mr. Gross asked Mr. Vogel a question.

Mr. Vogel provided an answer to Mr. Gross' question.

Motion:

Mr. Gross moved to recommend approval of A11993. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

Local Technical Amendments:

Mr. Blair briefly provided details regarding the Commission's review of local technical amendments.

**1) City of Jacksonville FBC-Building/Accessibility 321.111 1210.5 Family or Assisted-
Use Toilet or Bathing Room and Adult Changing Table**

Motion:

Commissioner Schilling moved to recommend against incorporating the City of Jacksonville's local technical amendment into the Florida Building Code. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

**2) County of Jacksonville FBC-Building Sec 321 Local amendment regarding Baby
changing table requirements.**

Motion:

Commissioner Schiffer moved to recommend against incorporating the County of Jacksonville's local technical amendment into the Florida Building Code. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

Other TAC Business:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Member and Staff Comment:

None.

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Gross adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.