

**PLUMBING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONCURRENTLY WITH THE
SWIMMING POOL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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**August 6, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

Minutes

TAC PRESENT:

Fred Schilling, Chairman
James Batts
Gary Duren
Eduardo Gonzalez

Gary Kozan
Issac Kovner
Brian Langille
Stephan Mayfield

PLUMBING TAC NOT PRESENT:

Jack McStravic

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Marlita Peters
Sabrina Evans
Chip Sellers

Justin Vogel
Jim Hammers
Alan Burke

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Peters performed roll call for the Plumbing TAC. A quorum was determined with 8 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Duren moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Approval of the minutes from June 23, 2025:

Mr. Duren moved to approve the minutes from June 23, 2025, as posted. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

1) Declaratory Statement:

DS 2025-021 by Martin Aquatic

Representative:

Leonard Collins, Attorney for Martin Aquatic, provided the background information on the declaratory statement request.

Michael Weinbaum, Martin Aquatic, provided additional comments regarding the declaratory statement request.

Staff:

Mr. Madani provided the background information on the declaratory statement request, along with the questions posed and full staff analysis.

Staff Analysis

Question #1:

Does the exemption stated in Sections 454.1.11.2 and 454.1.12.2 apply not only to Section 454.1.6.1.1, but also to Section 403.6 of the Florida Building Code, Plumbing, which otherwise replicates the same fixture count requirements?

Answer:

Option #1/Petitioner:

Martin Aquatic believes that the Commission should confirm that the exemption stated in Sections 454.1.11.2 and 454.1.12.2 also applies to Section 403.6 (Plumbing) of the Florida Building Code.

Option #2/Staff:

The answer to the Petitioner's question is yes. The requirements of section 403.6.1 of the Florida Building Code, Plumbing, 8th Edition (2023), are the same as those of section 454.1.6.1.1 of the Florida Building Code, Building, 8th Edition (2023). Therefore, the requirements of section 403.6.1 of the Florida Building Code, Plumbing, 8th Edition (2023) are not applicable to an artificial lagoon facility as defined in sections 454.1.11.1 and 454.1.12.1 of the Florida Building Code, Building, 8th Edition (2023).

Question #2:

Should the more specific language in Sections 454.1.11.2 and 454.1.12.2 be interpreted to supersede the general fixture count requirement in Section 403.6 for sanitary facilities serving patrons of an artificial lagoon?

Answer:

Option #1/Petitioner:

Martin Aquatic believes that the Commission should interpret the Florida Building Code to supersede the general fixture count requirement in Section 403.6 When determining the appropriate number of sanitary facilities for the construction of an artificial lagoon. Option #2/Staff: See answer to question 1.

Question #3:

Would the Commission confirm that the correct interpretation is that both Section 454.1.6.1.1 and Section 403.6 do not apply to artificial lagoons with regard to fixture counts?

Answer:

Option #1/Petitioner:

Martin Aquatic believes that the Commission should issue a declaratory statement to provide certainty as to the different possible reasonable interpretations of applicable rules in light of the glitch that exists between the specific and general rule.

Option #2/Staff:

See answer to question 1.

TAC:

Mr. Schilling provided a comment.

Motion:

Mr. Duren entered a motion to recommend that the Commission adopt the staff analysis Option 2 as modified with the addition of “surf pools” in brackets. Mr. Mayfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

2) Declaratory Statement:

DS 2025-019 Larry Burchett

Representative:

Larry Burchett provided the background information on the declaratory statement request.

Staff:

Mr. Vogel provided the background information on the declaratory statement request, along with the questions posed and full staff analysis.

Petitioner’s Question:

Petitioner presents the following questions:

1. Since the builder and plumber allowed the substitution of a thermal expansion tank required by the manufacturer to be substituted, using a relief valve, is this Code applicable in this situation?
2. Since the builder and plumber allowed the use of a pressure relief valve rated at 125 psi to be used as a substitution of a thermal expansion tank, is this Code section applicable in this situation?
3. Does the wording "a means for controlling increased pressure" [in Code Section P2903.4] allow for any means? As an example, could you use a hot water bottle plumbed into the system? Could you use a pressure cooker to blow off valve to control pressure? Could you use a non-rated ASME Device to control increased pressure?

4. Can a Shutoff Valve be installed between any relief valve and the hot water heating device? [O]r worded differently, can a relief valve be installed in front (upstream) of a shutoff valve and the hot water heater to control pressure created by the thermal expansion?

Staff's Suggested Answer:

Staff recommend denying the petition since it asks the Commission to opine on the past actions of other individuals, seeks approval or disapproval of past conduct, and is suggesting changes to the Florida Building Code which must occur via the rulemaking process.

Motion:

Mr. Duren entered a motion to recommend that the Commission adopt the staff analysis. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Other TAC Business:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Member and Staff Comment:

Mr. Duren, Mr. Madani, and Mr. Vogel provided a comment.

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Schilling adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.