

**SWIMMING POOL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONCURRENTLY WITH THE
PLUMBING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE**

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**August 6, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

Minutes

SWIMMING POOL TAC PRESENT:

James Batts, Chairman
Don Ball, Sr.
Dexter Bleasdel
Donald Cesarone
Jordan Clarkson
Ken Gregory

Michael Guerasio
Linda Patrick
Kyle Sawchuk
Bob Vincent
John Wahler
Michael Weinbaum

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Burke
Justin Vogel
Marlita Peters
Chip Sellers

Mo Madani
Sabrina Evans
Jim Hammers

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Swimming Pool TAC. A quorum was determined with 11 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Commissioner Batts entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Guerasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 11 to 0.

Approval of the minutes from June 26, 2025:

Mr. Gregory entered a motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2025, as posted. Mr. Sawchuk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 11 to 0.

Mr. Vincent joined the meeting, making the quorum 12 members present.

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. Vogel provided a stated that Mr. Michael Weinbaum will be refraining from participating in the TAC discussion or voting due to his being an employee of Martin Aquatic.

Representative:

Michael Weinbaum, Martin Aquatic, confirmed he would be abstaining from participating as a TAC member or voting on 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.

Discussion:

Mr. Vincent, Mr. Madani, and Mr. Gregory went into discussion with questions and comments.

Mr. Vincent showed images of public access lagoons for illustrative purposes.

Staff:

Mr. Madani provided a comment.

Motion:

Mr. Bleasdell 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. Sawchuk seconded the motion.

TAC:

Mr. Bleasdell asked the staff a question.

Mr. Madani provided an answer to Mr. Bleasdell’s question.

Mr. Gregory asked Mr. Collins whether he agreed with Option 2.

Mr. Collins stated that he agreed with Option 2.

Motion Continued:

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0. (Mr. Michael Weinbaum abstained from voting, due to being an employee of Martin Aquatic.)

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Other TAC Business:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Member and Staff Comment:

None.

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Batts adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.