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July 31, 2026

9:00 A.M.

Minutes

SWIMMING POOL TAC PRESENT:

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

Ken Gregory
Linda Patrick
Bob Vincent
John Wahler
Michael Weinbaum

SWIMMING POOL TAC NOT PRESENT:

Michael Guerasio

Kyle Sawchuck

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: 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: (1:05)

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

Agenda Approval: (3:13)

Mr. Cesarone entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted.

Ms. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Approval of the minutes from: (4:05)

Commissioner Batts entered a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2026, as posted.

Mr. Cesarone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Declaratory Statement:

1) DS 2026-041 by Jeremy Guillen of Custom Pool System (CPS Outdoors) (8:22)

Staff:

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

Mr. Clarkson joined the meeting, bringing the number of members present to making the 10.

Staff Analysis:

Question:

Is tile allowed to be used as finishing material for commercial swimming pools and spas, regardless of the shell material used?

Answer: Option #1/Petitioner:

Yes, tile is an allowable finishing material for commercial swimming pools and spas, regardless of the shell material used as long as it meets all color and slip resistance requirements of the Florida Building Code.

Option #2/Staff:

The answer to the Petitioner's question is yes. Tile may be used as the interior finishing material for commercial swimming pools and spas regardless of the shell material, provided that the pool complies with the applicable requirements of Sections 454.1.2.1 and 454.1.2.4 of the Florida

Building Code, Building, 8th Edition (2023), including the requirements governing installation, slip resistance and color.

Public Comment:

Dallas Thiesen, Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA), spoke in support of either the petitioner's option or staff's option.

Motion:

Mr. Vincent entered a motion to recommend approval of option #2 by staff. Ms. Patrick seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Members of the TAC and staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Support:

Bob Vincent, Department of Health, spoke in support of staff's option.

Motion Continued:

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

2) DS 2026-042 by Paul Malone of Oak Wells Aquatics (16:22)

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:

Do the "NO DIVING" markings bearing both "NO DIVING" text and a "NO DIVING" pictographic symbol together meet the requirements of FBC Sec. 454.1.2.3.1?

Answer:

Option #1/Petitioner:

Yes, a "NO DIVING" marking bearing both "NO DIVING" text and a "NO DIVING" pictographic symbol together meet the requirements of FBC Sec. 454.1.2.3.1.

Option #2/Staff:

The answer to the Petitioner's question is yes. A "NO DIVING" marking that incorporates both the "NO DIVING" text and the international "NO DIVING" pictographic symbol may be considered to meet the requirements of Section 454.1.2.3.1 of the Florida Building Code, Building, 8th Edition (2023), provided that the marking otherwise complies with the applicable provisions of the code regarding location, size and contrast.

Question #2:

Do monochromatic "NO DIVING" pictographic symbol markings meet the requirements of FBC Sec. 454.1.2.3.1? Answer: Option #1/Petitioner: Yes, monochromatic "NO DIVING" pictographic symbol markings meet the requirements of FBC Sec. 454.1.2.3.1. Option #2/Staff: The answer to the Petitioner's question is no. Section 454.1.2.3.1 of the Florida Building Code, Building, 8th Edition (2023), specifically authorizes the substitution of the "NO DIVING" text with a 6-inch tile bearing a 4-inch or larger red international "NO DIVING" symbol. Because the code expressly requires the international symbol to be red and does not provide for a monochromatic alternative, a monochromatic "NO DIVING" pictographic symbol does not comply with the prescriptive requirements of Section 454.1.2.3.1.

Discussion:

Members of the TAC and staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Petitioner:

Paul Malone, Oak Wells Aquatics, provided details on the declaratory statement.

Public Comment:

Dallas Thiesen, Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA), spoke in support of the petitioner's option.

Motion:

Mr. Vincent entered a motion to recommend approval of option #2 by staff. Mr. Wahler seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Members of the TAC went into discussion with questions and comments.

Substitute Motion: (39:10)

Mr. Weinbaum entered a substitute motion to recommend that staff's answer to question one be modified to include the statement "as long as either the text or the symbol meet the applicable provisions of the Code."

Discussion:

Members of the TAC and staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Substitute Motion Continued: (48:00)

Mr. Weinbaum entered a motion to recommend approval of staff's answers for both questions, but for question one to add language permitting the use of either a symbol or a letter, and for question #2 to add a sentence to the effect that alternate methods may be used as allowed by the building official per the correct Code section. Mr. Cesarone seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Members of the TAC and staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Amended Substitute Motion:

Mr. Cesarone entered a motion to recommend approval of staff's answers for both questions and to add a reference to ISO 20712 to the answer to the second question. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Members of the TAC and staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Mr. Cesarone and Mr. Vincent withdrew their Amended Substitute Motion.

Discussion:

Members of the TAC and staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Substitute Motion:

The motion failed with a vote of 1 to 9.

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Original Motion:

The motion passed with a vote of 7 to 3.

Other TAC Business: (1:14:00)

None.

Public Comment: (1:14:40)

Member and Staff Comment: (1:14:30)

Adjourn: (1:14:30)

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Batts adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

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