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**November 24, 2025
8:30 A.M.**

Minutes

MECHANICAL TAC PRESENT:

David John, Chairman
Oscar Calleja
Elizabeth Goll
Daniel Griffin
Brian Mumme for Gary Griffin

Alex Hernandez
Kenny Locke
Don Pittman
Pete Quintela

MECHANICAL TAC NOT PRESENT

Joe Griner

Rick Sims

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Justin Vogel
Jim Hammers

Jeff Blair
Sabrina Evans
Alan Burke

MEETING FACILITATION:

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

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Mr. Blair welcomed everyone to the teleconference meeting of the Mechanical TAC.

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the Mechanical TAC. A quorum was determined with 9 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Hernandez moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Locke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Approval of the minutes from October 10, 2025:

Mr. Hernandez moved to approve the minutes from October 10, 2025, as posted. Mr. Calleja seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Declaratory Statement:

DS 2025-041 by Alfonso Fernandez-Fraga of Initial Engineers, P.A.

Staff:

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

Staff Analysis:

Question:

When the smoke detector and the refrigerant leak detector are both activated, should the 606.4 shut down requirement supersede the ASHRAE run requirement?

Answer:

Option #1/Petitioner:

I believe the answer to the question is that 606.4 supersedes ASHRAE 15. The condition being ameliorated by 606.4 suggests that a fire is already present, whereas ASHRAE 15's requirements are attempts to prevent fire or mitigate its spread. The code mandate that deals with an extant fire should take precedence over the mandate that's intended to prevent fire.

Option #2/Staff:

The answer to the Petitioner's question is yes. Pursuant to section 102.4.1 of the Florida Building Code, Building, 8th Edition (2023), where conflicts occur between provisions of the FBC and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of the Florida Building Code shall apply. Therefore, for the project in question, when the smoke detector and the refrigerant leak detector are both activated, the shutdown requirement of section 606.4 of the Florida Building Code, Mechanical, 8th Edition (2023) supersedes that of the ASHRAE 15 run requirement.

Motion:

Mr. Locke entered a motion to recommend that the Commission adopt the staff analysis. Mr. Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

TAC Business:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Member and Staff Comment:

None.

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman John adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.