

**ACCESSIBILITY CODE WORKGROUP
REPORT TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION**



APRIL 6, 2010—MEETING VII

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FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
FLORIDA ACCESSIBILITY CODE WORKGROUP REPORT

OVERVIEW

The scope of the Workgroup is to develop recommendations for amending the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction once the US Department of Justice completes its adoption of the next generation of the ADA Accessibility Standards. The task is to integrate the relevant Florida standards in ss. 553.501-553.513, F.S., into the 2004 ADAAG as adopted by 28 CFR 36 (prospective). Although DOJ's process is not complete, the Workgroup will begin with the 2004 ADAAG and modify the new draft FACBC to reflect DOJ's amendments when those are available.

The process for developing the new Accessibility Code will be divided into major tasks as follows:

Task 1:

Integration of Florida standards located in the current Florida Accessibility Code into sections of the 2004 ADAAG that have a one for one parallel section.

Task 2:

Deciding what to do with Florida standards that are in sections/subsections of 1994 SAD that do not have a one for one parallel section in the 2004 ADAAG.

Task 3:

Integration of Florida standards into new sections in the 2004 ADAAG that have no parallel in the Florida Accessibility Code (e.g., recreational facilities).

Task 4:

Revising the draft Florida Accessibility Code based on the 2004 ADAAG for changes made by DOJ in its rule making.

Workgroup Adopted Project Strategy

The Workgroup voted unanimously, 18 - 0 in favor, to integrate all current Florida Specific requirements into the Proposed DOJ SAD (Standards for Accessible Design), June 2008, and concurrently evaluate and make recommendations on the Florida Specific requirements and ancillary topics, with recommendations forwarded to the Legislature for enhancements or removal of specific Florida requirements and ancillary issues.

At Meeting I the Workgroup was asked as a threshold question whether to proceed with consideration regarding integrating the Florida Specific requirements into the DOJ SAD, June 2008 or delay pending completion of rulemaking.

Workgroup Action:

Motion—The Workgroup voted* unanimously, 18 - 0 in favor, to move forward with developing the new Florida Accessibility Code without delay.

* *At the February 2, 2009 meeting.*

MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATION

Raul L. Rodriguez, AIA, Chair of the Florida Building Commission, made the following appointments to the Florida Accessibility Code Workgroup. Members are charged with representing their stakeholder group's interests, and working with other interest groups to develop consensus package(s) of recommendations for submittal to the Commission.

Bemmie Eustace, Kiko Franco, Skip Gregory, Jeff Gross, Jon Hamrick, Jack Humburg, Diana Ibarra, Julia Kates, J.W. Longman, Chris Masal, Sharon Mignardi, John O'Connor, Barbara Page, Catherine Powell, Ben Ritter, Larry Schneider, Jim Schock, and Steve Watson.

REPORT OF THE APRIL 6, 2010 MEETING

Opening and Meeting Attendance

The meeting started at 1:00 PM, and the following Workgroup members were present: Scott Cannard, Bemmie Eustace, Jeff Gross, Jon Hamrick, Jack Humburg, Julia Kates, J.W. Longman, John O'Connor, Barbara Page, Jim Schock, Shelly Siegal, and Randy Vann.

Members Absent:

Kiko Franco, Skip Gregory, Diana Ibarra, Chris Masal, Sharon Mignardi, Catherine Powell, Ben Ritter, Larry Schneider, Julie Shaw, and Phillip Wisely.

DCA Staff Present

Rick Dixon, Bruce Ketcham, Jim Richmond, and Mary Kathryn Smith.

Meeting Facilitation

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from the FCRC Consensus Center at Florida State University. Information at: <http://consensus.fsu.edu/>



Project Webpage

Information on the project, including agenda packets, meeting reports, and related documents may be found in downloadable formats at the project webpage below:

<http://consensus.fsu.edu/FBC/accessibility-code.html>

Agenda Review and Approval

The Workgroup voted unanimously, 12 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda as presented including the following objectives:

- ✓ To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Summary Report)
- ✓ To Review Final Draft of Proposed Integration of Florida Specific Requirements
- ✓ To Discuss and Decide on any Outstanding Issues Regarding Draft of Proposed Integration of Florida Specific Requirements into SAD
- ✓ To Adopt Florida Specific Requirement Integration Recommendations for Submittal to Commission
- ✓ To Consider Public Comment
- ✓ To Identify Needed Next Steps and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

February 1, 2010 Facilitator's Summary Report Approval

Jeff Blair, Commission Facilitator, asked if any members had corrections or additions to the February 1, 2010 Report, and none were offered. The Workgroup voted unanimously, 12 - 0 in favor, to approve the February 1, 2010 Facilitator's Summary Report as presented.

Review and Discussion of Draft Integration of Florida Specific Requirements into SAD

- Review draft integration of remaining Parking requirements, s. 553.5041, F.S. and s. 553.511, F.S.
- Review draft integration of vertical accessibility requirements, s.553.509, F.S.
- Review draft integration of other Florida Specific Requirements into the 2004 ADAAG

During Meeting I (February 2, 2009), The Workgroup voted unanimously to integrate all current Florida Specific requirements into the Proposed DOJ SAD, June 2008, "Proposed ADA Standards for Accessible Design".

During Meeting II (April 6, 2009) Members were requested to identify, discuss and evaluate a range of options regarding the integration of Florida Specific Requirements into SAD. For each of the Florida Specific Requirements, member's were asked to identify a range of potential options for the Workgroup to consider. A preliminary list of options were proposed by members as a pre-meeting assignment, and the Workgroup was requested to discuss and add any additional relevant options they deemed appropriate.

During Meeting III (August 10, 2009) members continued the process of reviewing options for the integration of Florida Specific Requirements into the Proposed DOJ SAD, June 2008. Members reviewed all of the remaining Florida Specific requirements except portions of the parking requirements and the vertical accessibility requirements. Staff will propose a draft integrating these provisions for member evaluation (remaining parking and vertical accessibility requirements).

During Meeting IV (October 12, 2009) members continued the process of reviewing options for the integration of Florida Specific Requirements into the Proposed DOJ SAD, June 2008. Members reviewed staff proposal for integration of Florida vertical accessibility requirements.

During Meeting V (December 7, 2009) members focused on the review of options for the integration of Florida Specific Requirements into the Proposed DOJ SAD, June 2008 for parking requirements and some "other" requirements. In addition, the Workgroup reviewed the integration of vertical accessibility requirements and some parking and "other" requirements to ensure the integration accurately reflected the Workgroup's intent.

During Meeting VI (February 1, 2010) members reviewed the "Draft Final Draft" to ensure the Florida Specific requirements were integrated into the Proposed DOJ SAD, June 2008 as agreed by the Workgroup.

During Meeting VII (April 6, 2010) members reviewed the "Draft Final Draft" to ensure the Florida Specific requirements were integrated into the Proposed DOJ SAD, June 2008 as agreed by the Workgroup, and approved final recommendations for the Draft pending DOJ's completion of rulemaking and review of the final version of the Standards for Accessible Design (SAD, June 2008). Meeting VII completes Phase I of the Accessibility Code Review project.

At the June 7, 2010 meeting (Meeting VIII) members will initiate Phase II of the project and review updated Florida statutory references to ensure the Florida Building Code, Accessibility Volume is correlated with requirements of the new SAD, and to propose any statutory changes required to ensure conformance. The target date for Phase II will be to develop recommendations for the 2011 Legislature.

At the conclusion of Phase II the Workgroup will initiate Phase III of the project. In Phase III the Workgroup will review all of the current Florida Specific Requirements and recommend whether there should be any revisions or additions. The target date for Phase III will be to develop recommendations for the 2011 Legislature.

During the process of evaluating options, all options voted in favor of with a 75% or greater number of 4's (acceptable) and 3's (minor reservations) in proportion to 2's (major reservations) and 1's (unacceptable) shall be considered consensus recommendations. Members of the public were also invited to provide feedback and options for evaluation. Between meetings Workgroup members are requested to send their proposed options to Jeff Blair for compilation in the "Florida Specific Requirement Integration Draft".

The Draft Integration Document and other relevant project documents may be viewed or downloaded at the project webpage as follows: <http://consensus.fsu.edu/FBC/accessibility-code.html>

Discussion of Project Tasks and Identification of Assignments

Members were asked to review key project tasks and to identify any needed documents/information. In addition, members of the public were invited to provide comments on same.

General Public Comment

Members of the public were invited to provide the Workgroup with comments.

There were no general public comments provided. Members of the public were provided opportunities to speak on each of the substantive discussion issues before the Workgroup.

Adoption of Recommendations for Integration of FL Specific Requirements into SAD

The Workgroup completed adoption of the package of recommendations for the integration of Florida Specific Requirements into the Proposed DOJ SAD, June 2008, and have concluded evaluating all of the relevant requirements for Phase I. The Workgroup approved final components of the Draft Integration Document at the April 6, 2010 meeting.

Review of Workgroup Delivery and Meeting Schedule

The Workgroup's meeting schedule for 2009 and 2010 is as follows:

2009: February 2, April 6, August 10, October 12, and December 7.

2010: February 1, April 6, and June 6.

Next Steps

At the June 7, 2010 meeting (Meeting VIII) members will initiate Phase II of the project and review updated Florida statutory requirements to ensure the Florida Building Code, Accessibility Volume is correlated with requirements of the new SAD, and to propose any statutory changes required to ensure conformance. The target date for Phase II will be to develop recommendations for the 2011 Legislature.

Assignments

Staff to provide members will relevant documents for the review of Florida Specific Requirements relative to the new SAD.

Workgroup members should submit any comments and recommendations to Jeff Blair and DCA staff.

Adjournment

The Workgroup voted unanimously, 12 – 0 in favor, to adjourn at 3:00 PM.

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING EVALUATION

Average rank using a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means totally disagree and 10 means totally agree.

1. Please assess the overall meeting.

- 8.9 The background information was very useful.
- 9.4 The agenda packet was very useful.
- 9.8 The objectives for the meeting were stated at the outset.
- 9.8 Overall, the objectives of the meeting were fully achieved.

2. Do you agree that each of the following meeting objectives was achieved?

- 9.8 Review of Final Draft of Proposed Integration of Florida Specific Requirements.
- 9.6 Discussion of Outstanding Issues Regarding Draft of Integration of Florida Specific Req's.
- 9.6 Adoption of Recommendations for Integration of Florida Specific Requirements into SAD.
- 9.8 Identification of Next Steps.

3. Please tell us how well the Facilitator helped the participants engage in the meeting.

- 9.8 The members followed the direction of the Facilitator.
- 9.8 The Facilitator made sure the concerns of all members were heard.
- 9.5 The Facilitator helped us arrange our time well.
- 9.5 Participant input was documented accurately.

4. Please tell us your level of satisfaction with the meeting?

- 9.8 Overall, I am very satisfied with the meeting.
- 9.8 I was very satisfied with the services provided by the Facilitator.
- 9.8 I am satisfied with the outcome of the meeting.

5. Please tell us how well the next steps were communicated?

- 9.8 I know what the next steps following this meeting will be.
- 9.0 I know who is responsible for the next steps.

6. What did you like best about the meeting?

- Jeff and Rick – control and instruction – leadership.
- Stayed on agenda and time limit.

7. How could the meeting have been improved?

- Have documents available on wireless local network.
- Starting on time.

ATTACHMENT 2
MEETING ATTENDANCE—PUBLIC

Public Meeting Attendance	
Name	Representation
Bob Boyer	FBC
Doug Harvey	BOAF
Dwight Wilkes	
Marlene Stern	DCA