

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
FLOOD RESISTANT STANDARDS WORKGROUP

April 29, 2009—Meeting II

Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 180
4075 Esplanade Way—Tallahassee, Florida 32399—850.644.6320

Meeting Objectives

- ✓ To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Summary Report)
- ✓ To Review Draft Code Provisions for Implementing Workgroup's Recommendations
- ✓ To Identify Any Additional Issues and Options Regarding Integrating and Adopting Flood Resistant Standards in the Florida Building Code (Code)
- ✓ To Discuss and Evaluate Level of Acceptability of Proposed Options
- ✓ To Consider Public Comment
- ✓ To Identify Needed Next Steps: Information, Assignments, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

All Agenda Times—including Public Comment and Adjournment—are Subject to Change

Meeting Agenda

- 9:00** **Welcome and Opening**
- Agenda Review and Approval**
- March 25, 2009 Facilitator's Summary Report Review and Approval**
- Review and Discussion of Draft Code Language for Implementing Workgroup's Preliminary Recommendations**
- Identification, Discussion and Evaluation in Turn of Additional Options Regarding Integrating Flood Resistant Standards in the Florida Building Code**
- General Public Comment**
- Review of Workgroup Delivery and Meeting Schedule**
- Next Steps: Agenda Items, Needed Information, Assignments, Date and Location**
- Adjourn*

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<http://consensus.fsu.edu/FBC/Flood-Resistant-Standards.html>



CONSENSUS SOLUTIONS

Flood Standards Workgroup Members and Representation

Member	Representation
Miles Anderson	Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM)
Bob Boyer	Local Government
Gene Chalecki	Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
Nick D'Andrea	Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA)
Eddie Fernandez	Miami-Dade County Code Compliance Office
Jack Glenn	Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA)
Bud Plisich	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA Region IV)
Tim Reinhold	Institute of Building Home Safety (IBHS)
Jim Schock	City of Jacksonville
Tim Tolbert	Santa Rosa County

Meeting Schedule, Starting Time, and Location

March 25, 2009	9:00 AM	Tampa, Florida	RACCA, 1920 East Sligh Avenue
April 29, 2009	9:00 AM	Tallahassee, Florida	Betty Easley Conference Center
May 29, 2009	9:00 AM	Tallahassee, Florida	Betty Easley Conference Center

Overview and Project Scope

At the request of the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) the Florida Building Commission convened a Flood Resistant Standards Workgroup charged with developing recommendations for integrating the International Code Series (I-Codes: IBC, IRC, etc.) flood damage-resistant provisions (for buildings and structures) in the Florida Building Code. FEMA has worked with ICC for the past 10 years on flood standards for buildings that are consistent with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and the current I-Codes reflects these standards. When the 2001 Florida Building Code (First Edition) was developed a policy decision was made, primarily for administrative reasons, to eliminate flood standards from the foundation model code and continue the practice of relying on Floodplain Management Ordinances adopted by communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. In addition, the DEM has requested that the policy be reviewed, that identified administrative issues be resolved, and that the I-Code flood standards be retained in the 2010 FBC. The Commission will conduct this facilitated stakeholder process beginning in March of 2009, with adopted recommendations submitted as code amendments for the 2010 Florida Building Code Update process.

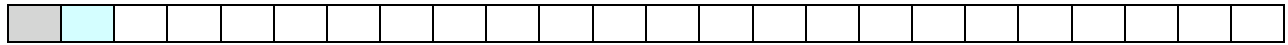
FBC Workplan—Flood Resistant Standards Workgroup Task

38. Evaluate Adoption of Flood Standards in the Florida Building Code

Schedule:

Workgroup appointed	12/08
DEM contract with FSU/CRC	1/09
Workgroup meetings	3/25
	4/29
	5/29
Recommendations to Commission	6/09
Proposals for 2010 FBC submitted for adoption (See 2010 FBC development schedule)	12/09

Status: % Complete



10%

2010 Update to the Florida Building Code—Draft Schedule

FLOOD RESISTANT STANDARDS WORKGROUP PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

PARTICIPANTS' ROLE

- ✓ The Workgroup process is an opportunity to explore possibilities. Offering or exploring an idea does not necessarily imply support for it.
- ✓ Listen to understand. Seek a shared understanding even if you don't agree.
- ✓ Be focused and concise—balance participation & minimize repetition. Share the airtime.
- ✓ Look to the facilitator(s) to be recognized. Please raise your hand to speak.
- ✓ Speak one person at a time. Please don't interrupt each other.
- ✓ Focus on issues, not personalities. Avoid stereotyping or personal attacks.
- ✓ To the extent possible, offer options to address other's concerns, as well as your own.
- ✓ Participate fully in discussions, and complete meeting assignments as requested.
- ✓ Serve as an accessible liaison, and represent and communicate with member's constituent group(s).

FACILITATORS' ROLE (FCRC Consensus Center @ FSU)

- ✓ Design and facilitate a participatory workgroup process.
- ✓ Assist the Workgroup to build consensus on a package of recommendations for delivery to the Florida Building Commission.
- ✓ Provide process design and procedural recommendations to staff and the Workgroup.
- ✓ Assist participants to stay focused and on task.
- ✓ Assure that participants follow ground rules.
- ✓ Prepare and post agenda packets, worksheets and meeting summary reports.

GUIDELINES FOR BRAINSTORMING

- ✓ Speak when recognized by the Facilitator(s).
- ✓ Offer one idea per person without explanation.
- ✓ No comments, criticism, or discussion of other's ideas.
- ✓ Listen respectfully to other's ideas and opinions.
- ✓ Seek understanding and not agreement at this point in the discussion.

THE NAME STACKING PROCESS

- ✓ Determines the speaking order.
- ✓ Participant raises hand to speak. Facilitator(s) will call on participants in turn.
- ✓ Facilitator(s) may interrupt the stack (change the speaking order) in order to promote discussion on a specific issue or, to balance participation and allow those who have not spoken on an issue an opportunity to do so before others on the list who have already spoken on the issue.

ACCEPTABILITY RANKING SCALE

During the meetings, members will be asked to develop and rank options, and following discussions and refinements, may be asked to do additional rankings of the options if requested by members and staff. Please be prepared to offer specific refinements or changes to address your reservations. The following scale will be utilized for the ranking exercises:

Acceptability Ranking Scale	4 = <i>acceptable, I agree</i>	3 = <i>acceptable, I agree with minor reservations</i>	2 = <i>not acceptable, I don't agree unless major reservations addressed</i>	1 = <i>not acceptable</i>
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WORKGROUP'S CONSENSUS PROCESS

The Workgroup will seek to develop a package of consensus-based recommendations for submittal to the Florida Building Commission. General consensus is a participatory process whereby, on matters of substance, the members strive for agreements which all of the members can accept, support, live with or agree not to oppose. *In instances where, after vigorously exploring possible ways to enhance the members' support for the final decision on a recommendation, and the Workgroup finds that 100% acceptance or support is not achievable, final decisions will require at least 75% favorable vote of all members present and voting.* This super majority decision rule underscores the importance of actively developing consensus throughout the process on substantive issues with the participation of all members and which all can live with. In instances where the Workgroup finds that even 75% acceptance or support is not achievable, publication of recommendations will include documentation of the differences and the options that were considered for which there is more than 50% support from the Workgroup.

The Workgroup will develop its recommendations using consensus-building techniques with the assistance of the facilitator. Techniques such as brainstorming, ranking and prioritizing approaches will be utilized. Where differences exist that prevent the Workgroup from reaching a final consensus decision (i.e. with support of at least 75% of the members) on a recommendation, the Workgroup will outline the differences in its documentation.

The Workgroup's consensus process will be conducted as an open process consistent with applicable law. Workgroup members, staff, and facilitator will be the only participants seated at the table. Only Workgroup members may participate in discussions and vote on proposals and recommendations. The facilitator, or a Workgroup member through the facilitator, may request specific clarification from a member of the public in order to assist the Workgroup in understanding an issue. Members may request time to consult/caucus with constituent stakeholder representatives. Observers/members of the public are welcome to speak during the public comment period provided at each meeting, and all comments submitted on the public comment forms provided in the agenda packets will be included in the facilitator's summary reports.

Facilitator will work with staff and Workgroup members to design agendas that will be both efficient and effective. The staff will help the Workgroup with information and meeting logistics.

To enhance the possibility of constructive discussions as members educate themselves on the issues and engage in consensus-building, members agree to refrain from public statements that may prejudice the outcome of the Workgroup's consensus process. In discussing the Workgroup process with the media, members agree to be careful to present only their own views and not the views or statements of other participants. In addition, in order to provide balance to the Workgroup process, members agree to represent and consult with their stakeholder interest groups.

