

Florida Building Commission
Product Approval Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes

Rosen Center Hotel
9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida
October 1, 2001

Attendees

Raul Rodriguez, Chair	Nick D'Andrea	Steve Corn
Jim Mehlretter	Craig Parrino	Steve Bassett
Medard Kopczynski	Frank Quintana	

Objectives

- To Review Public Comment Submitted at the August 28, 2001 Public Hearing on Rule 9B-72
- To Discuss and Decide on Each of the Proposed Rule Changes
- To Deliver Recommendations to the Commission for Any Further Changes to the Proposed Rule
- To Receive Public Comment

Overview

The meeting was declared open at 3:15 p.m. Mr. Rodriguez discussed the process for conducting the meeting. Jeff Blair reviewed the meeting objectives and guidelines. During the meeting the Committee reviewed the comments on the product approval rule. Comments were reviewed section by section and some changes were recommended. Those changes were approved with grammatical and editorial changes for consistency left up to DCA staff and legal to incorporate into the rule document.

Committee Actions

The following action items were addressed:

Comments to Rule 9B-72 were reviewed and discussed section by section.. Staff will incorporate recommended changes to the rule document and will initiate a proposed notice of change.

A straw poll was taken regarding a flat fee concept. The vote was 8 - 0 in favor of accepting the flat fee concept.

Lengthy discussions regarding fee costs ranged from charging \$200 per application to \$2,500 per application.

Fees should cover associated costs only.

Staff put fee at \$50 in proposal.

- **Motion:** Move to have a fee of \$300 per application with each application being limited to one evaluation report. There will be an review of the fee after one year.

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

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There was in depth discussions of approval of products shown in listings of certification agencies.

- **Motion:** Products shown in listings by approved certification agencies are approved for statewide use subject to the product's limitations and use. Add to section 9B-72.090(1)(a).

Vote: Six in favor, one opposed. Motion passes.

- **Motion:** Move to recommend the Florida Building Commission approve the package of the ad hoc committee's modifications to the product approval rule, and initiate a notice of proposed changes to the rule.

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

There was a period of public comment.

Several accolades were given for the work done by the committee and the Commission.

A technical comment regarding the term "structural components" initiated discussion among committee members and participants. It was recommended that the rule needed to specify and clarify "structural components".

Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00