

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION

**EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT SURVEY RESULTS 2011
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Commissioners were asked to circle the number that best describes how the Commission functions on each of the following scales: Scale Range 10 - 1 (10 highest rating to 1 lowest rating)

Ranking Scale Criteria									
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Excellent Superior	Very Good	Good	Acceptable	Fair	Average	Mediocre Sub-Par	Poor	Very Poor	Extremely Poor

DECISION MAKING PROCESS

AVERAGE: 9.6

Commission uses process to effectively build a broad-based consensus.

Commission uses process to make a majority decision without a consensus of members.

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
12	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comments:

- The process is transparent and open to the public.
- One of the Commissions strongest points!
- Where possible without causing delays, an advance review of TAC recommendations should be considered.
- Jeff does an excellent job with keeping the commission on track with this goal in mind.

PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNICATION

AVERAGE: 9.4

Communications are respectful, balanced and points are clearly understood.

Some members dominate. Limited listening and understanding.

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
11	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comments:

- Jeff does a good job trying to keep everyone on point.
- Much better now than in the past.
- Sometimes a commissioner will have no understanding of an issue and will question it in detail, even when it's gone through a TAC. The chairman does a good job of balancing how much attention it gets.

COMMISSION RELATIONSHIP TO AGENCY AVERAGE: 8.9

Commission has developed effective working relationship and communication with Agency (DCA).

Commission has not developed effective working relationship and communication with Agency (DCA).

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
10	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

Comments:

- It is hard to tell what kind of relationship the Commission has with DCA. I feel like we are pretty much on our own which isn't a bad thing.
- DCA could help a little more with quicker reimbursement of travel. A commissioner shouldn't have to pay interest on a credit card waiting for a reimbursement check.
- Specifically, the Agency has not appreciated or adequately supported the role of the Commission as it seeks to timely execute its legislative mandates.

COMMISSION RELATIONSHIP TO STAFF AVERAGE: 9.8

Commission has developed effective working relationship and communication with staff.

Commission has not developed effective working relationship and communication with staff.

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
16	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comments:

- I have always had a good experience when working with staff.
- Staff is wonderful. They are always there to help commissioners and the public.
- Another one of the strong points.
- Agency staff are always accommodating.

TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AVERAGE: 8.9

Adequate time for presentation, generating options, analysis and decision making.

Snap decisions are made or decisions are deferred because of lack of time.

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
9	2	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

Comments:

- Not too bad but on some of the more complex issues more time to evaluate may be beneficial.
- We have ample time for the most part.
- At times, this is strained due to the TAC recommendation coming out just a few hours before a Commission vote. Please see earlier comment on advance review.
- With web/conference call meetings do to travel restrictions, presentations are less than par.

INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS**AVERAGE: 9.1**

Critical background and assessment of options yield politically and practically feasible decisions.

Too little or too much, or hard to use information on the situation, options & impacts yield hard to implement decisions.

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
8	7	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Comments:

- Most of the time.

PROCESS/MEETING FACILITATION**AVERAGE: 9.4**

Facilitation provides a positive impact on meeting efficiency, and consensus-building for the Commission and its committees.

Facilitation obstructs the efficiency of the meeting process, and negatively impacts consensus-building for the Commission and its committees.

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
13	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Comments:

- The facilitation process is essential to keep the process from bogging down.
- Jeff does a good job.
- JB keeps it all moving...nice work!
- Works excellent. Commend Jeff for this positive impact.
- Jeff does a great job as our facilitator.
- Need to start on time.

KEY TASKS AND/OR UNRESOLVED SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE COMMISSION DURING 2011

Energy Issues

- Green Roof credits quantifiably incorporated into the Energy Code.
- LED lighting given proper credit in the Energy Code.

Code Issues

- Get the 2010 Building Code published.
- Publish the 2010 Florida Building Code.
- 2010 FBC Glitch amendments.
- Modify Florida Accessibility Code.
- Adoption of a new Accessibility Code.
- We need to re-evaluate the code adoption process.
- Streamlining the adoption process to eliminate delays.
- Revisit the code development process and create a process that is less complicated and easy for all to understand. Too much feedback from the public for not understanding what was going on.
- I would like to see the Florida Building Code updated every 6 years instead of every 3.
- Keeping the Florida specifics.
- Keep the ball rolling forward...Florida has specific needs but make sure they are critical to Florida, or let the I Codes stand.
- Working toward the base code by eliminating Florida specifics where possible and practical.

Commission Project Issues

- Recommend to the legislature that septic tanks be regulated by the Florida Building Code with local Building Inspection Department enforcement.
- We need to solve the problem with the dual responsibility of commercial swimming pools between the DOH and the Commission. We keep kicking the can down the road but the system does not work at present. We need to put together a workgroup to get all parties on the same page. I will be glad to chair the group. We need to face the problem of existing residential swimming pools. How do we get a system that will up grade these pools when they are renovated and modified.

Administrative/Logistical Issues/Legislative

- Building strong ties with the legislature to not get bogged down in rulemaking process.
- This can be answered better after we see what the Legislature does this year.
- Address the new law regarding rule review to reduce the potential for political decisions to drive the Code install of efficiency and safety.
- Increase training requirements for all State of Florida licensed construction professionals.
- Put a limit on what a local Building Official is responsible for other than his job as Building Official. With local government budget problems, the Building Official is now given a lot of responsibilities that take him away from his main duties of public safety.

MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVES ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSION TO ACCOMPLISH WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE (5) TO TEN (10) YEARS

Code Development and Code Provisions

- Minimize Florida Specific amendments and reduce cost by using the model codes and a supplement.
- I would like to see a Florida specific Electrical code.
- ICC base code.
- I would like the Commission to be more diligent in eliminating the majority of the "Florida Specific" code amendments!
- One standardized Building Code with minimal Florida Specific items.
- I would like to see the Florida Building Code updated every 6 years instead of every 3.
- Continue to maintain the highest level of safeguard against wind and fire protection.
- Reduce or eliminate Florida specific items in code.
- Return to IBC code as much as possible.
- End conflicts in Chapter 10 FBC and the Florida Fire Prevention Code.
- Being firmly entrenched in the I-Codes and have the industry completely understand the code process and have all players on the same song sheet.

Code Enforcement and Compliance

- Recommend to the legislature that septic tanks be regulated by the Florida Building Code with local Building Inspection Department enforcement.
- Increase training requirements for all State of Florida licensed construction professionals.
- Put a limit on what a local Building Official is responsible for other than his job as Building Official. With local government budget problems, the Building Official is now given a lot of responsibilities that take him away from his main duties of public safety.

Administrative/Financial/Education

- Create avenues to reach out to the public sector more and reduce the shock of new code implementation for both fire and building code.
- We need to make the permitting process a county level process. The Cities are not able to provide this service in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost. A Commissioner cited a permit that was over \$50,000.00. We cannot allow this to continue and with the economic outlook it is going to get worst not better. This is a problem state-wide.

ANNUAL EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT COMPILATION RESULTS 2000-2011

**FBC EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT SURVEY RESULTS
ANNUAL COMPILATION 2000-2011**

Annually, Commission members are asked to pick the number that best describes how the Commission functions in key topical issue area metrics: Scale Range 10 - 1 (10 highest rating to 1 lowest rating)

KEY TOPICAL ISSUE	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2001	2000
Decision Making Process	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.3	8.8	9.1	8.8
Participation and Communication	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.1	8.4	7.5	8.2
Commission Relationship to Agency (DCA)	8.9	8.8	9.0	8.6	7.9	8.7	8.7	7.8	—	—
Commission Relationship to Staff	9.8	9.5	9.6	9.1	8.7	8.9	9.1	8.8	—	—
Time for Consideration	8.9	8.6	8.9	8.0	7.7	8.2	7.5	6.5	7.7	8.3
Information and Analysis	9.1	8.7	9.1	8.1	8.1	8.7	8.1	7.5	7.8	7.6
Process/Meeting Facilitation	9.4	9.5	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5	—	—	—
Controversy or Planning Orientation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.8	7.8
Overall Average	9.3	9.2	9.4	8.8	8.6	8.9	8.8	7.8	7.8	8.1