

**STRUCTURAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HILTON UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CONFERENCE CENTER  
1714 SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32607  
January 28, 2020  
8:00 A.M.**

## **Minutes**

### **STRUCTURAL TAC PRESENT:**

Jim Schock, Chairman  
Siavash Farvardin  
Gaspar Rodriguez for Jamie Gascon  
Michael Guerasio  
Steve Strawn

Do Y. Kim  
Daniel Lavrich  
CW Macomber  
Craig Parrino

### **STRUCTURAL TAC NOT PRESENT:**

David Compton

Joe Hetzel

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Mo Madani  
Tom Campbell  
Marlita Peters

Justin Vogel  
Chris Howell  
Jim Hammers

### **MEETING FACILITATION:**

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: [facilitatedsolutions.org](http://facilitatedsolutions.org)

**Welcome:**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Chairman Schock welcomed members, staff and the public to the meeting of the Structural Technical Advisory Committee.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the Structural TAC. A quorum was determined with 8 members present.

**Agenda:**

Mr. Lavrich entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

**Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2019:**

Mr. Lavrich entered a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2019 meeting as posted. Mr. Guerasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

**Comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of February 11, 2020 for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020) update to the Florida Building Code:**

Mr. Blair explained the code modification process to the Committee members, including the voting process.

Mr. Madani provided detail on reading the chart and the comments that were submitted for each TAC.

Mr. Campbell thanked the TAC members for their attendance at this meeting.

**Comments Received:**

**Gaspar Rodriguez:  
S-TP – Comment #1**

Mr. Rodriguez provided detail on the requested changes to this section.

**In Favor:** Joe Belcher, FHBA  
Mike Silvers, FRSA

**Motion:** Mr. Rodriguez entered a motion to accept the comment as submitted. Mr. Lavrich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (AS)

**Gaspar Rodriguez:  
S-TP – Comment #2**

Mr. Rodriguez provided detail on the requested changes to this section.

**In Favor:** Joe Belcher, FHBA  
Mike Silvers, FRSA

**Motion:** Mr. Lavrich entered a motion to accept the comment as submitted. Mr. Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (AS)

**Amanda Hickman:  
S-B Chapter 16 – Comment #1**

The proponent was not present at the meeting.

Gaspar Rodriguez stated that there was language that was not acceptable for Miami-Dade and Ms. Hickman corrected those issues with suitable language and Miami-Dade now supports this change.

**In Favor:** Joe Belcher, FHBA  
Mike Silvers, FRSA  
Mark Zehnal, IBHS

**Motion:** Mr. Lavrich entered a motion to accept the comment with alternate language submitted electronically and as handout. Mr. Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (AM)

**Comments Received (cont.):**

**Paul Coats:  
S-B Chapter 23 – Comment #1**

Mr. Coats provided detail on the requested changes to this section.

**Motion:** Mr. Lavrich entered a motion to accept the comment as submitted. Mr. Parrino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (AS)

**Michael Faulhaber:  
S-B Chapter 23 – Comment #2**

The proponent was not present at the meeting.

**Opposed:** Paul Coats, AWC was in opposition to original language.

**TAC Comment:** Mr. Lavrich stated he would prefer the word nominal be used in lieu of the matrix language submitted.

Mr. Kim questioned only making changes in 2318.

Mr. Madani explained the issues involved with a change of language globally.

**Motion:** Mr. Lavrich entered a motion to change of language to “nominal” in the section addressed in this comment and approve as amended. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (AM)

**Gary Hartman:  
S-B Chapter 35 – Comment #1**

The proponent was not present at the meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Rodriguez entered a motion to accept the comment as submitted. Mr. Lavrich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (AS)

**Comments Received (cont.):**

**BJ Yeh:  
S-B Chapter 35 – Comment #2**

The proponent was not present at the meeting.

**In Favor:** Paul Coats, AWC

**Motion:** Mr. Lavrich entered a motion to accept the comment as submitted. Mr. Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (AS)

**Jennifer Molin:  
S-B Chapter 35 – Comment #3**

The proponent was not present at the meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Parrino entered a motion to accept the comment as submitted. Mr. Lavrich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (AS)

**Neil Burning:  
S-General-Comment #1**

Proponents were not present.

Mr. Madani explained the document received and the process that has already occurred on many of the modifications listed.

Chairman Schock stated that he felt moving away from the I Codes as the base document was a mistake and provided what he felt the effect on the State of Florida is going to be. He further stated that the Commission is obligated to follow the law, which he feels they have done. Chairman Schock feels that the proper approach for the coalition at this time is to revise the law or look forward to the next modification cycle as there were no details provided and he does not feel the TAC should re-litigate these modifications. He stated this should receive NAR.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Coats, AWC stated he agreed with Chairman Schock's remarks on the legislation as it stands. Mr. Coats stated he is encouraged with the new rule under development there may be less I Code provisions missed next cycle.

**Comments Received (cont.):**

Mike Silvers, FRSA spoke on the prior code processes and the changes that have occurred over the years and felt it has worked. He spoke on his impression of not having the I-Code as the base code. Mr. Silvers stated he is in support of the legislative change..

Joe Belcher, FHBA stated the legislature made the right decision and will not weaken the Florida Building Code.

**Motion:** There was no motion entered. Action was No Affirmative Recommendation (NAR).

**Staff Comments:**

Mr. Campbell advised the TAC that there will be another opportunity for comments prior to the April Commission meeting. He stated the deadline will be in the early part of March and there is a possible onsite meeting or conference call based on comments received.

**TAC Comments:**

Mr. Lavrich expressed concerns over traveling for these TAC meetings and the time it takes away from their businesses and jobs. He stated he felt this meeting could have been handled on a conference call.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Schock thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the TAC meeting at 8:44 a.m.