

**FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONCURRENT WITH
ELECTRICAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
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March 28, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

Minutes

FIRE TAC PRESENT:

Hamid Bahadori, Chairman
Joe Belcher
Robert Hamberger
Brad Schiffer
Peter Schwab

Tony Apfelbeck
Jeff Gross
Joe Holland
Jim Schock

FIRE TAC NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Justin Vogel
Joe Bigelow
Jim Hammers

Thomas Campbell
Chris Howell
Robert Benbow
Marlita Peters

Welcome:

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the concurrent teleconference call of the Fire and Electrical TACs.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Fire TAC. A quorum was determined with 8 of 9 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

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

Review and Approval of May 30, 2017 meeting minutes:

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2017 meeting as posted. Mr. Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Review and accept interim draft report for research project titled "Economic Impact Analysis and Evaluation of Property Insurance Rate Impact Resulting from Potential Changes to the Florida Building Code form the ICC Base Code Provisions."(Concurrently with Electrical TAC):

Mr. Madani provided the background on this research project.

Dr. Issa, UF provided an update and the interim report.

Discussion and questions followed on standards, ratings and risk analysis with some clarification.

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to accept the interim draft report for the research project titled "Economic Impact Analysis and Evaluation of Property Insurance Rate Impact Resulting from Potential Changes to the Florida Building Code form the ICC Base Code Provisions" with greater clarity of item 1 (e). Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Review and accept interim draft report for research project titled “Webinar Workshops on Evaluation of the Cost Impact of Prescriptive Code Changes.” (Concurrently with Electrical TAC):

Mr. Madani provided the background on this research project.

Dr. Issa, UF provided an update and the interim report.

Discussion followed regarding the report showing increases as well as savings, cost benefits, and knowledge provided on how to use this information.

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to accept the interim draft report for the research project titled “Webinar Workshops on Evaluation of the Cost Impact of Prescriptive Code Changes.” Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. Apfelbeck advised that he needed to leave the call. He left the call at 10:47 a.m. with 7 members remaining maintaining quorum.

Declaratory Statement:

DS 2018-016 by Angela Petrakis of Diversified Window Solutions Inc.(Seperately)

Mr. Madani provided the background for DS 2018-016 combined with the following staff analysis and response for the TACs for consideration.

Question:

Does this Hazardous location apply to Exterior Doors only adjacent to Exterior Windows or does this Condition apply to Interior Doors as well adjacent to Exterior Windows?

Answer:

For the project in question and as per Section 2406.4.2, Exception 4, of the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Building, the hazardous location requirements of Section 2406.4.2 is only applicable to windows adjacent to exterior doors.

TAC questions and discussion:

Mr. Schiffer and Mr. Belcher both stated the exception does not exclude all interior windows and requested an update to the staff answer.

Mr. Schwab stated he disagreed with this and stated the staff response was correct.

Mr. Schiffer entered a motion to change the staff response to two questions with two answers removing “or” and should read:

Questions:

1. Does this Hazardous location apply to Exterior Doors only adjacent to Exterior Windows?
2. Does this Condition apply to Interior Doors as well adjacent to Exterior Windows?

Answers:

1. No.
2. Yes, per Chapter 24.

Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed with 6 members in favor and 1 member against.

Final Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed the final roll call. All original 7 members were remaining on the line.

Public or TAC Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.