

Florida Building Commission
Product Approval/Prototype Buildings/Manufactured Buildings
Oversight Committee
Minutes
Rosen Center Hotel
Orlando, Florida
August 13, 2002

Attendees

Ed Carson, Chairman
Herminio Gonzalez

Craig Parrino
Suzanne Marshal

Paul Kidwell

Objectives

- To Review and Discuss Program Issues and Updates for Product Approval Program
- To Review and Discuss Code Modification Proposals and Make Recommendations to the Commission
- To Review and Discuss the Proposed Changes to Rule 9B-74, Prototype Buildings Program
- To Review and Discuss Interview Questions for Prototype Buildings RFP
- To Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Overview

The meeting was declared open at 3:15 p.m by Mr. Carson. The agenda and past minutes were reviewed and approved. During the meeting there was a review of request for declaratory statement DCA02-DEC-180; a review of applications for product approval entities; a review of proposed code modifications; a review of proposed changes to Rule 9B-74, Prototype Buildings Program; and a review of interview questions for the Administrator of the Prototype Buildings Program.

Committee Actions

Jim Richmond discussed DCA02-DEC-180 request for declaratory statement by the Florida Portable Building Manufacturers Association (FPBMA). Mr. Kevin Crowley representing FPBMA made a presentation regarding the request to the Committee.

Motion: Move to approve staff recommendations for DCA02-DEC-180. Parrino/Kidwell

Vote: .Unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

The Committee reviewed the following applications for product approval entities:

1. American Association for Laboratory Accreditation's application for approval as an accreditation body.

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Motion: Move to approve American Association for Laboratory Accreditation as an accreditation body. Parrino/Gonzalez

Vote: .Unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

After concerns were identified by a meeting participant, there were lengthy discussions regarding approved entities that may not be following conditions of their accreditations. The Committee recommended that the concerned participant file a written complaint with DCA staff for investigation of the issue.

2. Intertek Testing Services - ETL for approval as a testing laboratory.

Motion: Move to approve Intertek Testing Services as a testing laboratory. Parrino/Kidwell

Vote: .Unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

3. Hurricane Test Laboratory, Inc. for approval as a testing laboratory.

Staff indicated that the accreditation body had not yet verified accreditation of this applicant.

Motion: Move to approve Hurricane Test Laboratory as a testing laboratory on the condition that the accreditation body verify accreditation of the applicant. Parrino/Kidwell

Vote: .Unanimous in favor, the motion passed

There were discussions of engineering and architectural firms that have registered as evaluation entities on the Building Codes Information System. Individual engineers and architects are approved by law for perform evaluations, not firms.

Motion: Move to have DCA staff close down this portion of the on-line product approval entity application system. In addition, staff should include a note on the site that explains this issue to the public. Marshal/Kidwell

Vote: .Unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

The Committee reviewed proposed code modification #154 regarding a standard for testing and labeling of skylights.

Motion: Move to have DCA staff/legal to include the date of the referenced standard in Chapter 35. Parrino/Gonzalez

Vote: .Unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

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The Committee reviewed proposed code modifications #166 regarding a standard for the testing and labeling of exterior windows and glass doors; #269 regarding testing of custom exterior doors; and #180 regarding the interchangeability of exterior door assemblies. The Committee concurred with the Structural Technical Advisory Committees recommendations regarding these mods.

The Committee discussed agenda items for the next meeting including interviewing program administrator applicants for the Prototype Buildings Program; entity approval applications; and conduct a rule change workshop for Rule 9B-74.

Chairman Carson provided a remembrance for Mr. Chris Petrakis who recently passed away.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.