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OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION'S KEY ACTIONS AND DECISIONS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

I. SPECIAL ISSUE MEETING SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

The Commission conducted their December 20, 2024 Special Issue Meeting as a web-based and teleconference virtual meeting. At the December 20, 2024 meeting the Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendment drafted by staff, publish a notice of change, and thereafter proceed with rule adoption for the Milestone Inspection Program pursuant to Chapter 120 and Section 553.73(8), Florida Statutes, to incorporate the Commission's adopted amendment into the 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code, Existing Building, and to delegate authority to Alan Burke to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

II. CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chairman Bourré welcomed the Commission, DBPR staff, and the public to the December 20, 2024 Special Issue Web-Based and Teleconference Virtual Meeting of the Florida Building Commission.

Chairman Bourré noted that the purpose of the Special Issue Commission Meeting was to conduct a Public Rule Hearing on Rule 61G2-1.001 relating to the Milestone Inspection Program. The Chair noted, that after publishing the Notice of Proposed Rule for the supplement to the Code that will incorporate the milestone inspection provisions, the Commission received public comment regarding the sections laying out the timeline for completing repairs. Upon review of these comments, DBPR has requested that these provisions be removed from the Code, as the statute already specifies what those time frames shall be. In response, DBPR staff prepared a proposed amendment to bring the timeframes into compliance with the statute.

The Chair noted, that as always the Commission would provide an opportunity for public comment on each of the Commission's substantive discussion topics. Chairman Bourré expressed that if a member of the public wishes to comment on a specific substantive Commission agenda item, they should wait until the facilitator requests public comment and stacks a list of names at the appropriate time(s) during the meeting. Participants should use the raise hand function if they want to speak. The Chair noted that public input is welcome, but should be offered before the Commission begins discussion and/or there is a motion on the floor.

III. COMMISSION ATTENDANCE

The following Commissioners participated in the December 20, 2024 meeting:

Michael Bourré (Chair), Rodney Hershberger, Brian Langille, Grey Marker, Asael Marrero, Brad Schiffer, Fred Schilling, Jim Schock (Vice Chair), Brian Swope, and Tim Tolbert.

(10 of the 15 seated Commissioners attended – 67%).

Absent Commissioners:

James Batts, Don Brown, David Compton, John Garra, and David John.

DBPR STAFF PARTICIPATING

Alan Burke, Tom Campbell, Jim Hammers, Mo Madani, Marlita Peters, and Justin Vogel.

MEETING FACILITATION

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PROJECT WEBPAGE

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IV. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Following are the key agenda items approved for consideration:

- To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Meeting Agenda).
- To Conduct a Public Rule Hearing on Rule 61G20-1.001, Relating to the Milestone Inspection Program.
- To Hear Public Comment.
- To Review Next Steps and Agenda Items for Next Meeting ((February 11, 2025 – Web-Based and Teleconference Virtual Meeting).

Commission Action:

MOTION – The Commission voted unanimously, 10 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda for the December 20, 2024, Special Issue Commission meeting as presented and posted.

V. PUBLIC RULE HEARING REGARDING RULE 16G20-1.001 RELATING TO THE MILESTONE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Chairman Bourré explained that the purpose of the Special Issue Commission Meeting was to conduct a Public Rule Hearing on Rule 61G2-1.001 relating to the Milestone Inspection Program. After publishing the Notice of Proposed Rule for the supplement to the Code that will incorporate the milestone inspection provisions, the Commission received public comment regarding the sections laying out the timeline for completing repairs. Upon review of these comments, DBPR has requested that these provisions be removed from the Code, as the statute already specifies what those time frames shall be. Staff prepared a proposed amendment to bring the timeframes into compliance with the statute. The Chair noted that for December's Public Hearing the Commission would consider and decide on the proposed amendment to the Milestone Inspection Program.

At the Chair's request, Jeff Blair reviewed the procedural sequencing for the Commission's review and decision on the proposed amendments to the Milestone Inspection Program.

Following is the procedural sequencing followed for the Commission's consideration of the proposed amendments to the Milestone Inspection Program adopted into the 8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code, Existing Building:

- Mo Madani, the Commission's Technical Director, reviewed the proposed amendments to the Milestone Inspection Program. Justin Vogel, the Commission's legal counsel, provided any legal clarifications, and Mo provided any technical clarifications requested by the Commission.
- Commission Clarifying Questions.
- Public Comment Opportunity (3 minutes per person).
- Once a motion is on the floor, discussion is limited to Commission members except as allowed by the Chair.
- Commission Discussion and Action on the Proposed Amendment.

Following the opportunity provided for questions and answers, public comment, and Commission discussion, the Commission took the following action:

Commission Action:

MOTION – The Commission voted unanimously, 10 – 0 in favor, to approve the amendment drafted by staff, publish a notice of change, and thereafter proceed with rule adoption for the Milestone Inspection Program pursuant to Chapter 120 and Section 553.73(8), Florida Statutes, to incorporate the Commission's adopted amendment into the 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code, Existing Building, and to delegate authority to Alan Burke to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Commission.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS AND ISSUES

Chair Bourré invited Commission members to offer any general comments to the Commission, or identify any issues or agenda items for the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Comments:

- Jim Schock: Thanked Barry Subkow for bringing the issue to the Commission’s attention, and for his efforts to communicate with legislators regarding the matter.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were offered an opportunity to provide comment during each of the Commission’s substantive discussion agenda items. In addition, Chair Bourré invited members of the public to address the Commission on any issues under the Commission’s purview.

Public Comments:

- Barry Subkow: Agree with Commissioner Schock’s explanation for why the EBIWG recommended the timelines, recommend Commission submit their recommendations to legislatures regarding providing a mechanism for the work to commence sooner, than the statutory timelines or requiring a local ordinance to be adopted, when public safety is at risk.

VII. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW AND ASSIGNMENTS

February 11, 2025 meeting, will focus on the Commission’s regular procedural and substantive issues, and any needed rule development initiatives. The February meeting will be conducted as a web-based and teleconference virtual meeting. The Chair expressed that on behalf of the Commission and DBPR Staff, he would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked Commission members, staff and the public for their participation, and adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024.