

**FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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**CONFERENCE CALL:
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**February 23, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

Minutes

FIRE TAC PRESENT:

Brad Schiffer, Chairman
Hamid Bahadori
Joe Belcher
Douglass Carter
Elijah Flowers

Shane Gerwig
Jeffery Gross
Chris Athari
Grey Marker
Peter Schwab

FIRE TAC NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Thomas Campbell
Sabrina Evans
Robert Benbow

Justin Vogel
Jim Hammers
Jeff Blair

MEETING FACILITATION:

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: facilitatedsolutions.org

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Blair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Fire TAC.

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the Fire TAC. A quorum was determined with 9 members present at roll call.

Mr. Gerwig entered the meeting, making the quorum 10 members present.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Belcher moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Gerwig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Approval of the minutes from October 10, 2022:

Mr. Belcher moved to approve the minutes from October 10, 2022, as amended to reflect the change. Mr. Athari seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20.1011, F.A.C." of March 14, 2023 for the Purpose of Reviewing Comments Received Regarding the Proposed 8th Edition (2023) Update to the Florida Building Code:

Mr. Blair provided an overview of the process for comments received regarding the proposed 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code.

Mr. Madani reviewed the materials for the comments received regarding the proposed 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code.

Florida Building Code – Building

Chapter 10 Means of Egress

1) F–B–Ch. 10–Comment #1

Proponent:

John Barrios, CBO, Hillsborough County, provided details on F–B–Ch. 10–Comment #1.

Support:

Jennifer Hatfield, Fenestration & Glazing Industry Alliance, spoke in support to F–B–Ch. 10–Comment #1.

Jaime Gascon, Miami-Dade County, spoke in support to F-B-Ch. 10-Comment #1.

TAC:

Mr. Belcher provided a comment.

TAC Recommendation:

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to recommend approval of F-B-Ch. 10-Comment #1. Mr. Gerwig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Florida Building Code - Residential

Chapter 2 Definitions

2) F-R-Ch.2-Comment #1

Proponent:

John Barrios, CBO, Hillsborough County, provided details on F-R-Ch.2-Comment #1.

Opposition:

Commissioner James Schock spoke in opposition to F-R-Ch.2-Comment #1.

Jaime Gascon, Miami-Dade County, spoke in opposition to F-R-Ch.2-Comment #1.

Rebuttal:

John Barrios, CBO, Hillsborough County, provided a rebuttal comment in support of F-R-Ch.2-Comment #1.

Staff:

Mr. Madani asked the proponent several questions.

Mr. Barrios provided answers to Mr. Madani's questions.

Public:

Commissioner Schock asked Mr. Madani a question.

Mr. Madani provided an answer to Commissioner Schock's question.

TAC:

Mr. Schwab provided a comment.

TAC Recommendation:

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to recommend denial of F-R-Ch.2-Comment #1. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion.

TAC:

Mr. Schwab provided a comment.

Mr. Gerwig provided a comment.

Mr. Carter provided a comment.

Motion Continued:

The motion passed with a vote of 10-0.

TAC:

Mr. Athari provided a comment.

Florida Building Code – Existing Building

Prescriptive Compliance Method

3) E-B-Ch.5-Comment #1

Proponent:

Jennifer Hatfield, Fenestration & Glazing Industry Alliance, provided details on her proposed changes to Ch. 5 Prescriptive Compliance Method.

Support:

Jaime Gascon, Miami-Dade County, spoke in support of the changes to Ch. 5 Prescriptive Compliance Method.

TAC Recommendation:

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to recommend approval of E-B-Ch.5-Comment #1. Mr. Gerwig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 10 to 0.

Other TAC Business:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Member and Staff Comment:

None.

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Schiffer adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.