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OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION'S KEY ACTIONS AND DECISIONS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

I. SPECIAL ISSUE MEETING SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

The Commission conducted their November 13, 2024 Special Issue Meeting as a web-based and teleconference virtual meeting. At the November 13, 2024 meeting the Commission considered and decided on Chair's issues and recommendations. Specific actions included voting to: **1)** Approve the Final Draft Report for the Research Project Titled: *"Review and Consider Possible Technical Changes to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes,"* as amended, based on the Energy TAC's recommendation, and to recommend that the Legislature incorporate the specified technical amendments into section 553.9065, Florida Statutes; and **2)** Approve the Final Draft Report for the Research Project Titled: *Reviewing the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion Through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems During Hurricanes,* as amended to incorporate the changes approved by the Hurricane Research Committee and accepted by the principal investigators, based on the HRAC's recommendation.

II. CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chairman Bourré welcomed the Commission, DBPR staff, and the public to the November 13, 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 review and accept two research project Draft Final Reports.

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 November 13, 2024 meeting:

Michael Bourré (Chair), James Batts, David Brown, David Compton, John Garra, Rodney Hershberger, David John, Brian Langille, Grey Marker, Asael Marrero, Brad Schiffer, Fred Schilling, Jim Schock (Vice Chair), Brian Swope, and Tim Tolbert.

(15 of the 15 seated Commissioners attended – 100%).

Absent Commissioners:

None.

DBPR STAFF PARTICIPATING

Alan Burke, Sabrina Evans, Jim Hammers, Mo Madani, Marlita Peters, and Justin Vogel.

MEETING FACILITATION

Meetings are facilitated, and meeting reports prepared by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Information at: <http://facilitatedsolutions.org>.



PROJECT WEBPAGE

Information on the Florida Building Commission project, including agenda packets, meeting reports, and related documents may be found at the Commission Webpage. Located at the following URL: <http://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>

IV. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Following are the key agenda items approved for consideration:

- To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Meeting Agenda).
- To Consider and Decide on Chair's Discussion Issues and Recommendations.
- To Review/Approve the Energy TAC's Recommendation Regarding the Draft Final Report for the Research Project Titled: "Review and Consider Possible Technical Changes to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes."
- To Review/Approve HRAC's Recommendation Regarding the Draft Final Report for the Research Project Titled: "Reviewing the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion Through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door System During Hurricanes."
- To Hear Public Comment.
- To Review Next Steps and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (December 10-11, 2024, In-Person, Embassy Suites Oceanfront St. Augustine Beach, Florida).

Commission Action:

MOTION – The Commission voted unanimously, 13 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda for the November 13, 2024 Special Issue Commission meeting as presented and posted.

V. CHAIR’S DISCUSSION ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Commission Appointment

Chairman Bourré announced that Governor Ron DeSantis appointed **John Garra**, to replace Jeff Gross who rolled-off the Commission, to serve as the representative for the Building Owners and Managers Industry. John is from Sunrise, Florida, and is President and Architect of Square One Architecture. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Building Owners and Managers Association and as a member of the Accessibility Professors Association. The Chair welcomed John to the Commission.

The expressed many thanks to Jeff Gross for his twenty-one-years (Nov. 13, 2003 – October 24, 2024) of outstanding service to the citizens of Florida as a member of the Commission and chair of the Accessibility TAC. The Chair expressed that the Commission will miss working with Jeff and wished him the best going forward, and again thanked him for his service.

Commission Reappointments

Chairman Bourré announced that Governor Ron DeSantis made the following reappointments to the Commission:

Jim Batts has been reappointed to serve as the Swimming Pool Contractor representative to the Commission. Jim has served since August 8, 2013 and serves as the Swimming Pool TAC chair. The Chair expressed that the Commission is very pleased Jim agreed to remain on the Commission, and thanked him.

Don Brown has been reappointed to serve as the Insurance Industry representative to the Commission. Don has served since August 8, 2013 and serves as the Code Administration TAC chair. Chair expressed that the Commission is very pleased Don agreed to remain on the Commission, and thanked him.

Rod Hershberger has been reappointed to serve as the Building Products Manufacturing Industry representative to the Commission. Rod has served since September 14, 2020 and serves as the Product Approval POC chair. Chair expressed that the Commission is very pleased Rod agreed to remain on the Commission, and thanked him.

VI. APPROVAL OF TWO FINAL RESEARCH PROJECT REPORTS

DRAFT FINAL REPORT FOR RESEARCH PROJECT TITLED: “REVIEW AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO SECTION 553.9065, FLORIDA STATUTES.”

Chairman Bourré reported that the Energy TAC met earlier in the day and voted unanimously to accept the research project report titled: “*Review and Consider Possible Technical Changes to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes,*” with amendments, and recommended the Commission approve the Report as amended.

Following is the procedural sequencing followed for the Commission’s review and approval of the Draft Final Research Project Report:

- Mo Madani provided a brief overview–introduction.
- Rob Vieira of FSEC at the University of Central Florida provided a summary of the Draft Final Report.

- Commissioners were provided an opportunity to ask clarifying questions regarding the Report.
- An opportunity for public comment was provided.
- Commission discussion and approval of the Final Draft Report.

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, x – 0 in favor, to approve the Final Draft Report for the Research Project Titled: “*Review and Consider Possible Technical Changes to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes,*” as amended, based on the Energy TAC’s recommendation, and to recommend that the Legislature incorporate the specified technical amendments into section 553.9065, Florida Statutes.

FINAL DRAFT REPORT FOR RESEARCH PROJECT TITLED: “REVIEWING THE STANDARDS FOR WIND-DRIVEN RAIN (WDR) INTRUSION THROUGH TRACKS OF SLIDING GLASS DOOR SYSTEMS DURING HURRICANES.”

Chairman Bourré reported that the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee (HRAC) met earlier in the day and voted unanimously to accept the research project report titled: “*Reviewing the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion Through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems During Hurricanes,*” as amended by the HRAC and accepted by the PIs, and recommended the Commission approve the Report as amended.

Following is the procedural sequencing followed for the Commission’s review and approval of the Draft Final Research Project Report:

- Mo Madani provided a brief overview–introduction.
- Dr. Omar Nofal of the FIU Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering provided a summary of the Draft Final Report.
- Commissioners were provided an opportunity to ask clarifying questions regarding the Report.
- An opportunity for public comment was provided.
- Commission discussion and approval of the Final Draft Report.

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, x – 0 in favor, to approve the Final Draft Report for the Research Project Titled: *Reviewing the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion Through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems During Hurricanes,*” as amended to incorporate the changes approved by the Hurricane Research Committee and accepted by the principal investigators, based on the HRAC’s recommendation.

VII. 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:

- There were no additional commissioner comments.

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:

- There were no additional public comments.

VIII. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW AND ASSIGNMENTS

The December 10-11, 2024 meeting will focus on the Commission's regular procedural and substantive issues, and the Commission's consideration of a Proposed Glitch Amendment for the 8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code, and Model Code Changes for inclusion in the 9th Edition (2026), Florida Building Code. The December meeting will be conducted as an in-person meeting at the Embassy Suites Oceanfront St. Augustine Beach, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked Commission members, staff and the public for their participation, and adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.