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Special Meeting

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

1:30 P.M.

## Minutes

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Michael Bourré, Chairman  
James Batts  
Donald Brown  
David Compton  
John Garra  
Rodney Hershberger  
David John  
Brian Langille

Grey Marker  
Asael Marrero  
Brad Schiffer  
Fred Schilling  
Jim Schock  
Brian Swope  
Tim Tolbert

### STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani  
Justin Vogel  
Melissa Campos  
Alan Burke

Jim Hammers  
Sabrina Evans  
Marlita Peters

### MEETING FACILITATION:

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: [facilitatedsolutions.org](https://facilitatedsolutions.org)

**Time: 8:30 a.m.**

Chairman Bourré welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public to the November 13, 2024, Special Issue Web-Based and Teleconference Virtual Meeting of the Florida Building Commission.

Chairman Bourré stated the purpose of today's special issue Commission meeting is to review and accept two research project Draft Final Reports.

Chairman Bourré explained that, as always, we will provide an opportunity for public comment on each of the Commission's substantive discussion topics. If you want to comment on a specific substantive Commission agenda item, please wait until the facilitator invites members of the public to speak at the appropriate times throughout the meeting. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person. Public input is welcome but should be offered before the Commission begins discussion or there is a formal motion on the floor.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the Florida Building Commission. A quorum was determined with 13 members present at roll call.

**Agenda Approval:**

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 13 to 0.

**Chairman's Discussion Issues and Recommendations:**

**TAC Appointments:**

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

Chairman Bourré gave many thanks to Jeff Gross for his twenty-one-years of outstanding service to the citizens of Florida as a member of the Commission, from November 13, 2003, to October 24, 2024, and for serving as chair of the Accessibility TAC, a member of the Fire TAC, and as a member of the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee, which he will remain on. Chairman Bourré stated the Commission will miss him and wished Mr. Gross the very best going forward – again thanking Mr. Gross for his dedicated long-standing service to the citizens of Florida.

**Commission Reappointments:**

Chairman Bourré stated that Governor Ron DeSantis reappointed Commissioner Jim Batts to serve as the Swimming Pool Contractor representative on the Commission. Chairman Bourré stated that Commissioner Jim Batts has served since August 8, 2013, and serves as the Swimming Pool TAC chair. Chairman Bourré stated that he was very pleased that Commissioner Batts agreed to remain on the Commission and thanked him for his ongoing service.

Chairman Bourré stated that Governor Ron DeSantis reappointed Commissioner Don Brown to serve as the Insurance Industry representative on the Commission. Chairman Bourré stated that Commissioner Don Brown has served since August 8, 2013, and serves as the Code Administration TAC chair. Chairman Bourré stated that he was very pleased that Commissioner Brown agreed to remain on the Commission and thanked him for his ongoing service.

Chairman Bourré stated that Governor Ron DeSantis reappointed Commissioner Hershberger to serve as the Building Products Manufacturing Industry representative on the Commission. Rod has served since September 14, 2020, and serves as the Product Approval POC chair. Chairman Bourré stated that he was very pleased that Commissioner Hershberger agreed to remain on the Commission and thanked him for his ongoing service

**TAC Appointments**

**Code Administration TAC:**

Chairman Bourré appointed Ms. Linda Blanco to the Code Administration TAC to fill a vacant seat. Chairman Bourré thanked Ms. Linda Blanco for agreeing to serve and welcomed her to the TAC.

**Swimming Pool TAC:**

Chairman Bourré appointed Mr. Don Ball, Mr. Dexter Bleasdel, Mr. Ken Gregory, and Mr. Michael Weinbaum to the Swimming Pool TAC to fill vacant seats. Chairman Bourré thanked the new TAC members for agreeing to serve and welcomed them to the TAC.

Commissioner Marker and Commissioner Tolbert joined the meeting, making the quorum 15 members present.

**Final Draft Report for Research Project Titled: “Review and Consider Possible Technical Change to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes.”:**

**Staff:**

Mr. Madani provided details about UCF's proposed Final Draft Report for the Research Project Titled: “Review and Consider Possible Technical Change to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes.”

**Presenter:**

Rob Vieira, Florida Solar Energy Center, presented the UCF's Final Draft Report for Research Project “Review and Consider Possible Technical Change to Section 553.9065, Florida Statutes.”

**Public Comment:**

Stephen Wieroniey, Huntsman Building Solution, provided a comment.

Shane Gerwig, FHBA, provided a comment.

Paul Duffy, American Chemistry Council, provided a comment.

**Discussion:**

Members of the Commission and Mr. Vieira went into discussion with questions and comments.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Marrero moved 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. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

**Final Draft Report for Research Project Titled “Review the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems during Hurricanes.”**

**Staff:**

Mr. Madani provided a brief overview of the process on the Final Draft Report for the Research Project Titled “Review the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems during Hurricanes.”

**Presenter:**

Omar Nofal, FIU, provided details on the scope of work for Final Draft Report for the Research Project Titled “Review the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems during Hurricanes.”

**Public Comment:**

Jennifer Hatfield, Fenestration & Glazing Industry Alliance, briefly provided her comments on the Final Draft Report for the Research Project Titled “Review the Standards for Wind-Driven Rain (WDR) Intrusion through Tracks of Sliding Glass Door Systems during Hurricanes.”

**Staff:**

Mr. Blair reviewed the HRAC's recommendation.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Marrero entered a motion 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. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

**Commissioner Comment:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjourn Commission Special Meeting:**

Chairman Bourré stated 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. The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.