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HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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November 13, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Minutes

HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Bourré, Chairman

Sergio Ascunce

Joe Belcher

Milad Shabanian for Anne Cope, Ph.D.

David Compton

Jeffery Gross

Mark Mikkelson

Craig Parrino

John “Bud” Plisich

Rebecca Quinn

Jeffery Schnellmann

Brad Schiffer

Jim Schock

Vince Seijas

Brian Swope

HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mike Savage

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani

Jim Hammers

Sabrina Evans

Marlita Peters

Justin Vogel

Alan Burke

MEETING FACILITATION:

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

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Welcome:

Mr. Blair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee.

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call for the HRAC. A quorum was determined with 15 members present at roll call

Agenda Approval:

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Mr. Ascunce seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

Approval of Meeting minutes from October 2, 2024:

Mr. Plisich requested to amend the October 2, 2024, minutes to include the statement FEMA made at that meeting.

Motion:

Mr. Plisich entered a motion to approve the minutes for October 2, 2024, meeting as amended. Mr. Ascunce seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

Research Work Plan FY 2024/2025:

Mr. Madani informed the Committee there were no changes to the Research Work Plan for FY 2024/2025.

Motion:

No action.

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 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 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.”

Discussion:

Members of the Workgroup, Omar Nofal, and Staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Public Comment:

Jaime Gascon, Miami-Dade County, briefly provided his 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.”

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.”

Discussion:

Members of the Workgroup, Omar Nofal, and Staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Motion:

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to accept the editorial comment submitted by Miami-Dade County to be incorporated in the final draft report. Mr. Seijas seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Mikkelson asked the staff a question.

Mr. Blair provided an answer to Mr. Mikkelson’s question.

Motion Continued:

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

Discussion:

Mr. Mikkelson provided a comment on Jennifer Hatfield of Fenestration & Glazing Industry Alliance’s comment.

Motion:

Mr. Mikkelson entered a motion to change the word “group” into “Committee.” Commissioner Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

Discussion:

Members of the Workgroup, Omar Nofal, and Staff went into discussion with questions and comments.

Motion:

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to include comments in the report. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Members of the Workgroup, Omar Nofal, Arindam Gan Chowdhury, and Staff went into discussion with questions and answers.

Substitute Motion:

Mr. Plisich entered a substitute motion to change “will” into may”. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion.

Committee:

Commissioner Schock spoke in opposition to the motion.

Discussion:

Members of the Workgroup, Omar Nofal, Arindam Gan Chowdhury, and Staff went into discussion with questions and answers.

Substitute Motion Continued:

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

Motion:

Commissioner Compton entered a motion to amend the language. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Members of the Workgroup, Omar Nofal, and Staff went into discussion with question and answers.

Motion Continued:

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

Discussion:

Members of the Workgroup, Omar Nofal, and Staff went into discussion with question and answers.

Motion:

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept 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 and to recommend that the Florida Building Commission approve the report as amended by the HRAC. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

Other Workshop Business:

None.

Public Comment:

Daniel Stein provided a comment.

HRAC Member and Staff Comment:

None.

Adjourn:

Chairman Bourré thanked everyone for their participation, and he adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.