

MINUTES
PALM BEACH COUNTY
BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD
March 18, 2015

1. Chairman Joe Byrne called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 1W-47 at the Vista Center located at 2300 North Jog Road in West Palm Beach, Florida.

A. Roll Call.

Members Present:

Joe Byrne, Chairman	Roger Held, Building Official
Jacek Tomasiak, Building Official	Scott Worley, General Contractor
Mike Grimm, Building Official	Steven Tobias, Building Official
Michael Fichera, Building Official	Gary Kozan, Plumbing Contractor
Tom Hogarth, Engineer	

Members Absent:

Doug Wise, Building Official	Andrew Mack, Building Official
Howarth Lewis, Architect	
Greg Miller, Aluminum Contractor	

Others Present:

Vickie Day, Recording Secretary	Anne Helfant, Assistant County Attorney
Richard Gathright, Deputy Building Official	Shannon Fox, Assistant County Attorney
Bob Boyer, CPT Coordinator	Mike Fox, CPT Supervisor

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Minutes.

The Chairman requested a motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting on November 19, 2014. Assistant County Attorney Shannon Fox indicated that the minutes could not be approved without a quorum. She added that ten board members are required for a quorum, and only nine members were present. She also advised that the items on the agenda can be discussed, but without a quorum, no official actions may be made.

2. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Code Interpretation.** No report.
- B. Code Amendments.** No report.
- C. Product Evaluation.** No report.
- D. Six Pillars Committee.** No report.

4. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Countywide Enrollment Update.

Richard Gathright indicated that nothing has changed on the Countywide Enrollment Update.

5. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Countywide Administrative Amendments to 2014 Florida Building Code, 5th Edition.

Richard Gathright indicated that the new 2014 Florida Building Code (FBC) becomes effective on June 30, 2015, on a statewide basis, and that local governments need to adopt their own Chapter 1 amendments for administrative purposes. There is draft of the State version of the Code, which is a combination of the mandated items from the State and from the International Code Council (ICC), with other things added. He suggested that the board create a subcommittee to discuss proposed local amendments to the 2014 FBC, as the board has done in the past.

Jack Tomasik recommended the subcommittee consist of four or five board members. He added that the subcommittee would compare the current local amendments to the 2010 FBC, Building Volume, Chapter 1, with the new 2014 FBC, and also compare the proposed local amendments to the model building code from the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF). Local municipalities could then make additional changes and adopt it for their use.

Mike Fox indicated that Mr. Gathright has already put together what Mr. Tomasik spelled out, which is a combination of the referenced three documents, and is ready to brief the board.

Mr. Gathright summarized the proposed Palm Beach County amendments to Chapter 1 of the Building Volume in the 2014 FBC. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the board was to have a subcommittee review the proposed amendments and report back to the board.

After board discussion, Chairman Byrne indicated that the subcommittee to review the proposed local amendments will be consist of Jack Tomasik, Steve Tobias, Michael Fichera, Doug Wise and Scott Worley.

6. FUTURE BOARD MATTERS.

There were no future board matters discussed.

7. BOARD COMMENTS.

Chairman Byrne indicated that the next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for April 22, 2015.

8. STAFF COMMENTS.

Mike Fox asked when the subcommittee wanted to meet to discuss the proposed local amendments to the 2014 FBC. Discussion ensued. The consensus was that the subcommittee would meet on April 1, 2015.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Byrne adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph R. Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then loops back under the name.

Joseph Byrne, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Myer, Recording Secretary