

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
MEETING OF THE
ELEVATOR SAFETY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

COMMENCING AT 9:11 A.M.

HELD AT:

REEDY CREEK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OFFICE

3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM

1900 HOTEL PLAZA BOULEVARD

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA

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REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL REPORTER

CALL TO ORDER

The Elevator Safety Technical Advisory Council meeting was called to order at approximately 9:11 a.m. by John Antona, Chair.

Members Present

John Antona, Chair

Tim Newton (via telephone), Vice Chair

Chris Prather

William Snyder

James Yohn

Members Not Present

Rhonda Montoya Hasan

Tim Mowrey (excused)

Jerry Wooldridge (excused)

Others Present

Michelle Comingore, Bureau Chief, Elevator Safety, DBPR

Bob Badke, State Elevator Inspector

Joey Gan, Chief Elevator Inspector, City of Miami Beach

Michael Chavez, Chief Elevator Inspector, Miami-Dade County

Nick Ortiz, Deputy Chief Inspector, Miami-Dade County

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH A ROLL CALL AND A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

Chair Antona called for acceptance of minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Snyder made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Yohn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bureau of Elevator Safety Report, Michelle Comingore, Chief

Chief Comingore informed council of business process changes, including a department address change, inspection forms, and a new Notice of Monitoring Inspection process. She reported the division has a current compliance rate of 98.06% and issued a total of 1,124 administrative cases, including 1,068 citations for unlicensed activity, between September 2015 and April 2016. Chief Comingore reported a fatal accident occurred in North Miami in January and the final report is pending. Lastly, she informed council that in December 2015 the variance rule was amended to require a license number and remove the requirement to submit a copy of the certificate of operation. Chief Comingore concluded her report and accepted questions.

Senate Bill 1602, Michelle Comingore, Chief, Bureau of Elevator Safety

Chief Comingore reported that the Bureau's position on this is that it is outside of our authority because it applies to elevators in private residences, even though it is placed in Chapter 399. The new safety requirements will be enforced by local building authorities once adopted into the Building Code, which according to the bill, has to be adopted by October 1, 2016. Chief Comingore read an email from Mr. Mowrey into the record that states he is pushing for initial inspections for all residential elevators to ensure safety and code compliance.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Mr. Snyder motioned for the Bureau of Elevator Safety work with the Building Commission to ensure that the inspections of residential elevators are performed by licensed elevator inspectors.

SECOND: Mr. Prather seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Antona made a motion for the Bureau to propose a change to remove the exemption in Florida Statutes chapter 399 so residential elevators would fall under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Elevator Safety.

SECOND: Mr. Prather seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Chief Comingore presented draft rule language and accepted comments and concerns regarding draft language.

Industry Update

Manufacturing: Represented by Tim Newton. Mr. Newton presented topic for discussion at next meeting: fused disconnects (three-phased disconnects and elevator camera disconnects)

After discussion, the following action was taken: Item placed on agenda for next meeting.

Building design professional: Represented by Jerry Wooldridge. Not present.

Building owners and managers: Represented by Chris Prather. Nothing to discuss.

Local government: Represented by Rhonda Montoya Hasan. Not present.

Private Inspections: Represented by Bill Snyder. Mr. Snyder discussed no changes to periodic tests by elevator inspectors.

Maintenance: Represented by Tim Mowrey. Not present

Labor: Represented by James Yohn. Mr. Yohn reported work has increased and inspectors are busier.

Public: Represented by John Antona. Chair Antona discussed inconsistencies between pulling permits in different jurisdictions.

Old Business

2017 Florida Building Code Report

Chair Antona presented proposed modifications for the 2017 Building code related to phase II firefighter's service, removal of Section 3002: Hoistway Venting, elevator hoistway pressurization in accordance with Section 909.21, International Building Code, and referenced standards.

Report on Permit Expirations, Tim Newton

Mr. Newton reported on the research conducted with Jerry Wooldridge on permit expirations. After discussion, no action was taken.

New Business

2017 Legislative Proposals

Chief Comingore presented the statutory changes that were proposed for the 2016 Legislative Session:

- Building code consistency involving the tying of elevator permits to building permits so that they fall under the same code.
- Stretcher size: require that elevators accommodate the 84 x 24 inch ambulance stretcher.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Chair Antona made a motion to take out the exclusion of the residential elevators and add residential elevators under the authority of 399.

SECOND: Mr. Snyder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Snyder made a motion to have the Bureau try to obtain the legislation to remove the two-stop exemption that currently exists and require them to have a full inspection every year.

SECOND: Mr. Yohn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Antona made a motion to move forward with the two proposals from the 2016 session presented by Chief Comingore.

SECOND: Mr. Yohn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Temporary Operating Permits

Chief Comingore requested input from council as to whether or not there was a condition under which public use could be allowed for those elevators that are being altered. Majority of members present were not in favor of any public use during alteration.

After discussion, no action was taken. Council may address at next meeting.

General Discussion- Open Forum

No new topics discussed.

Upcoming Meetings

The Council discussed the next meeting. The Council decided not to have assignments for the next meeting. Proposed date of the next meeting: November 15, 2016 to be held in Tampa.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Mr. Yohn made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Mr. Snyder seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45am.