

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ACAF Specification Committee Meeting

Tues. August 12th, 2025

1:00PM – 3:00PM Eastern

Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Committee Members in attendance:

- David Allain – ACAF
- Jonathan Andrade – Asphalt Group, Inc.
- Jeremy Black – V.A. Paving, Inc.
- Tim Carter – P&S Paving, Inc.
- Eron Chambers – Hubbard Construction
- Mickey Cox – Ajax Paving Industries
- Rick Fort – Preferred Materials, Inc.
- Julio Leganoa – Halley Engineering Contractors, Inc.
- Steve McReynolds – Duval Asphalt Products, Inc.
- Joe Meier – Middlesex Corporation
- Clint Parrish – Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.
- Patrick Pienkos – Ranger Construction
- Buck Strickland – Hubbard Construction – Guest
- Matt Siegel – Hubbard Construction – Guest
- Donna Tillman – Hubbard Construction – Guest

❖ **Call to Order**

- Chair McReynolds calls the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

➤ **Roll Call**

- Chair McReynolds announces committee member names and records who is in attendance.
Three guests from Hubbard were also present in the call. Committee members not in attendance: Chris Harris – Anderson Columbia, Albert Lopez – General Asphalt Company, Bryan Turner – CWR Contracting, Mike Woodford – V.E. Whitehurst

➤ **Acknowledgement of Anti-Trust Policy & Conflict of Interest Policy**

- Chair McReynolds recognizes ACAF's Anti-Trust Policy & Conflict of Interest Policy. Committee unanimously agrees to follow these policies. Similar documents will be present at the next in-person meeting and should be signed by all attending.

❖ **General Information Updates**

➤ **Past Meeting Minutes**

- David Allain shared the location of all previous Specifications Committee meeting minutes and review the minutes from the April 16th, 2025, meeting. No comments.

➤ **District Contractors Meeting – Asphalt Producers & Paving Contractors**

- David provided an overview of how the district level meetings were going. ACAF is advocating for small meetings to ensure production and placement of asphalt is satisfactory for both parties. Also shared relevant FDOT information on the ACAF website: www.acaf.org/fdot-information

❖ **Task Group Updates**

➤ **Updates on the Recycled Binder Availability (RBA) Specifications Task Group**

- Patrick Pienkos provided brief updates for RBA Task Group. Upcoming meeting with SMO to review their implementation ideas.

➤ **Discussion on RBA Proposal sent to Specifications Committee prior**

- David Shared the research proposal and encouraged the committee to review if not yet done so.
- General consensus from committee is that we can/should get more liquid into the mix.
- Running some of the examples from FDOT using RBA implementation methods: gyration levels seen as low as 38-40. When not adjusting for 4.0% air voids and keeping the same Ndesign, it resulted in 2% air voids.
- VMA up 1% Air voids down a percent is a suggestion by Eron Chambers.
- Eron also suggested 5% liquid minimum. Some designs are at 4.7-4.8.
- Jonathan Andrade said they run lots of TL-E, but could do a TL-C if we consolidated to just 75 gyration mixtures.
- One mix already goes everywhere. Parking Lots, other FOB, State Jobs. As long as it is an approved mix design by FDOT.

❖ Review of FDOT Specifications Proposed Changes for 26/27 and Beyond

- Steve went through Greg Sholars FPCM presentation to show the committee specification changes and future ones. No comments from the committee.

❖ Current Industry Challenges

➤ Discussion of Key Issues Facing our Industry. Open Forum

▪ Binder Failures

- Steve shared updates that FDOT is working to shorten testing times to 2 weeks or less for binder results.

▪ Pavement Striping Removal

- David shared recent notice from DOT about paving striping being placed in the wrong locations and having to be ground, water-blasted, sand-blasted, etc. Some owners want mill and resurfacing if the paint is incorrectly placed.
- Joe Meier said it has been escalated with FTBA and the striping industry. No ACAF involvement needed at this time.
- A couple contractors have had mill and resurface requested or required when striping was off a few inches.
- Matt Siegel said they have tacked it after water-blasting so open aggregate wasn't as visible. This was on a county job years ago.
- Gilsonite based GSB-88 rejuvenator used on FAA projects where they grinded the strips and then used the GSB-88 to cover. Successful method per contractors.

▪ FC-7, Aggregate Supply

- Mickey – Concerning that it's just one primary aggregate product size.
- Rick – You always need to have something to blend with to correct gradations because of tolerances from quarries. FC-7 is so highly dependent on #89s.
- Can we put more 3/8s in to help make a good blend for FC-7.
- Can we recommend correcting 1/2" control bands to 95-98 on the low end to 100 instead of 100% passing?

▪ Binder Grades in Use for Future

- David shared information that the FDOT had previously proposed removing both PG 58-22 and 52-28 and adding PG 58-28.
- David met with SMO and suggested we keep PG 58-22 after calls with binder suppliers. SMO said that might be what they do instead of 58-28. No issues with pushing to keep 58-22 per committee members.

- **Solicitation of Research Topic Ideas for FDOT to consider**

- David shared that he received three inquiries at the FPCM on research. One was about Fiberless FC-5/FC-7 with WMA technologies, another being removing hydrated lime from FC-5 mixtures as anti-stripping agents are already added to the binders, and last being a comprehensive study on the use of vibration or oscillation.
- The committee expressed that the hydrated lime reduction has been asked for decades with no movement.
- The committee shared that the SMO has probably already completed research on the compaction comparisons.

- ❖ **Task Force/Working Groups Formation**

- Chair McReynolds mentioned forming a draft County Handbook/Guideline proposal for BOD to review and approve.
 - The idea would be a basic handbook explaining asphalt, design considerations, choosing a mix, etc. Asphalt 101 per se. Steve asks committee to email Steve or David if you are interested.
- No other task group ideas shared at the moment.

- ❖ **NCAT Trip – Spring 2026**

- David shared ACAF's plans to host another NCAT trip in Auburn, AL. Date will most likely be early February, 2026. This time for all ACAF members to attend if they wish.
- Training Opportunities
 - David is exploring Binder testing, mix design, and other ideas for training if you or others from your company attend. Please send David any training ideas that you would like to learn about, as we are wide open with opportunities.

- ❖ **Schedule of Next Meeting**

- Chair McReynolds tentatively scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, December 16th at the Florida Asphalt Expo in Orlando. 10am expected start time, pending a room is secured at the Expo.

- ❖ **Meeting Adjourned at 3:00PM**

Action Items

- David and Patrick will work with FDOT SMO on RBA implementation ideas that the SMO shared they had at the FPCM.
- David will reach out to the SMO for FC-7 design parameters concerns from the committee
- Steve/David will collaborate on a county handbook draft for the ACAF BOD if interest rises.
- David will look into securing a room at the 2025 Expo for our Spec Comm on Tues, Dec 16th at 10am.
- David will share NCAT Trip details once dates and training opportunities are ironed out.