

# MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

## *ACAF Specification Committee Meeting*

Thurs. December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

2:00PM – 4:00PM Eastern

Virtual – Microsoft Teams

### ❖ **Call to Order**

- Chair McReynolds calls the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

#### ➤ **Roll Call**

- Chair McReynolds announces committee member names and records who is in attendance.

#### ➤ **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 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 asphalt producer 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](http://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. Tech. Dir. Allain shared that the SMO has shelved the RBA specification for the foreseeable future due to issues getting backing from the FDOT Leadership. Task Group is no longer needed.

#### ➤ **Review of FDOT Specifications Proposed Changes for 26/27**

- Chair McReynolds brought up all specifications presented to the ACAF membership from the 2025 Florida Asphalt Expo & Conference. No comments from the committee.
- No further specifications for 27/28 were discussed.

## ❖ Current Industry Challenges

### ➤ Discussion of Key Issues Facing our Industry. Open Forum

#### ▪ FC-7 Gradation Design

- Tech. Dir Allain shared that the SMO heard the concerns from mix designers and ACAF and have opted to open the FC-7 gradation to allow 96-100% passing through the ½" sieve. This should allow contractors a bit more control over their mixtures due to the high #89 usage for these designs.

#### ▪ Binder Samplings & Failures

- Tech Dir. Allain shared that the FDOT is seeing more binder failures and has encourage contractors to sample more often for QC. Contractor concerns in this meeting were on the time frame for receiving updates from the SMO on pass/fail. Pavements can already have a lift placed on top of the failing mix, causing issues with R&R.

## ❖ Task Force/Working Groups Formation

- Chair McReynolds shared that a city/county task group would still benefit the industry if we formed one. Tech Dir. Allain will reach out to BOD to get approval for this.
  - Tech Dir Allain encouraged Spec Comm members to attend FACERS meetings in the meantime to build relationships with county engineers.

### ➤ No other task group ideas shared at the moment.

## ❖ NCAT Trip – Spring 2026

- Tech Dir Allain shared that he is working on the agenda for the NCAT Tours & Training trip in late February that is open to all ACAF members.
  - A large portion of the trip will be training on binder sampling and testing with a Dynamic Shear Rheometer, and QC Plant operations from a practical standpoint. He encouraged all members to attend if possible.

## ❖ Schedule of Next Meeting

- Chair McReynolds tentatively scheduled the next meeting for Wednesday Mar 25th and to be held virtually.

## ❖ Meeting Adjourned at 4:00PM