



**ACCESS APPEALS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Special Meeting Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Vernali at 1:15 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ronald Vernali
Ms. Alyce G. Brown Vice President
Mr. Arnie Lerner

CITY REPRESENTATIVES:

Mr. Tom Fessler, Secretary

2. ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN WORKSHOP (DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION)

Numerous elevator companies brought prototypes of touch screen elevator control panels, with each company presented how their particular system operated.

Each system is similar in design and functionality with the specific differences between touch screen controls and Administrative Bulletin 090 (AB 090) include:

- Each system will be compliant with AB 090 with the exception of the 12-key ascending telephone pad being replaced with a touch screen key pad.
- Replacement the keypad described in AB 090 with a touch screen for sighted persons with a touch screen control panel.
- The accessibility function key remains as the only tactile key for the visually impaired.
- Once the accessibility function key is used, an audio prompt informs the user to hold the key down until the floor they the floor they desire.

After discussion between industry representatives, building department staff and the commissioners' outstanding issues were identified including;

- The font size of the characters within the touch screen display.
- What would be the standard amount of time a person would be expected to spend scrolling though the floors before they locate their desired floor.
- What would be the maximum number of floors a user would be required to scroll through.

Building Department staff requested industry representatives propose standards for the above outstanding issue and forward them to staff for consideration and discussion at future Disability Access Subcommittee meetings.

This issue will be placed on the agenda of future Disability Access Subcommittee meeting. The Disabled Access Commission secretary will report to the commission on future developments of this matter and place it on the commission's future agendas.



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Secretary to the Access Appeals Commission