FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION EDUCATION PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 30, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE/WEBINAR

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POC MEMBERS

X-Michael Bourre-Chair, Don Brown, David John, Brian Langille, Brad Schiffer.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Minutes)
- ✓ To Consider/Decide on Pending Accreditor Applications
- ✓ To Consider/Decide on Accredited Advanced Courses
- ✓ To Consider/Decide on Administratively Approved Updated Courses
- ✓ To Consider/Decide on Self Affirmed Updated Courses
- ✓ To Review/Discuss Education Administrator Activity Report
- ✓ To Review/Discuss Other POC Business
- ✓ To Receive General Public Comment
- ✓ To Receive POC Member and Staff Comment

MEETING MINUTES				
All Agenda Times—Including Public Comment and Adjournment—Are Approximate and Subject to Change				
	WELCOME AND OPENING ROLL CALL A. Roll Call of POC Members			
	POC Members Present: Michael Bourre, (Chair), David John, Don Brown POC Member(s) Absent: Brian Langille, Brad Schiffer			
1.)	B. Identification of Staff Attendees			
	Staff/Meeting Attendees Identified: Mo Madani Jim Hammers Justin Vogel Joe Belcher Michael Clark Dallas Theissen			
2.)	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA Motion: To approve as submitted Motion: Don Brown Second: David John Approved Unanimously			
3.)	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3RD, 2023, MEETING MINUTES Motion: To approve as submitted Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Approved Unanimously			

	PENDING ACCREDITOR APPLICATIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE					
	COMMISSION					
4.)						
None Pending						
	PENDING ADVANCED ACCREDITED COURSE APPLICATIONS FOR					
PENDING ADVANCED ACCREDITED COURSE APPLICAT RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION						
	Course: Advanced Significant Code Changes for 8 th Edition (2023) Florida Building					
Code						
	Provider: Smith Currie & Hancock LLP					
	Accreditor: JDB Code Services, Inc. BCIS Course Number: 1199.0					
	Motion: Course <i>approved</i> based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies					
	the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content					
	Motion: David John					
	Second: Don Brown					
	Discussion: None					
	Approved Unanimously					
	Course: ADVANCED - Florida Building Code Course 2023 - 8th Edition Chapter 16					
Course: ADVANCED – Florida Building Code Course 2023 – 8 th Edition Cl – Structural Design (Review Changes)						
	Provider: Process Engineering Consultants, Inc					
	Accreditor: Nodorah Training Institute - 2					
	BCIS Course Number: 1202.0					
	Motion: Course <i>approved</i> based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies					
	the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content Motion: Don Brown					
5.)	Second: David John					
	Discussion: None					
	Approved Unanimously					
	Course: Advanced Building Code Part 1 (2023)					
	Provider: ISDM Aggreditor Nedersh Training Institute 2					
	Accreditor: Nodorah Training Institute - 2 BCIS Course Number: 1181.0					
	Motion: Course <i>approved</i> based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies					
	the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content					
	Motion: David John					
	Second: Don Brown					
	Discussion: Commissioners Brown and John stated that they would approve this course if Michael					
	Clark would ask the training provider to create and post a more typical cover slide to the PowerPoint					
	presentation. Mr. Clark said that he would indeed contact the provider and make sure that a new cover slide was put in place.					
	Approved Unanimously					
	Course: Advanced Building Code – 2023 FBC, (Building & Residential): Fire					
	Resistant Ratings & Construction					
	Provider: Nodorah Training Institute Accreditor: Stay Safe Enterprises					
	BCIS Course Number: 1197.0					

Motion: Course approved based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: None

Approved Unanimously

Course: Advanced Building Code – 2023 Florida Building Code, Residential: Building

Planning

Provider: Nodorah Training Institute

Accreditor: Bill Dumbaugh BCIS Course Number: 1198.0

Motion: Course *approved* based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: *None*

Approved Unanimously

Course: Florida Building Code, Chapter 9, Fire Protection Systems

Provider: Stay Safe Ventures, LLC

Accreditor: Sean Guthrie BCIS Course Number: 1193.0

Motion: Course denied based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the

accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: Michael Bourre Second: David John

Discussion: The Education Administrator found that two references to the "7th Edition 2020" on page 3 of the Syllabus, need to be replaced with the "8th Edition 2023". He also found that the word "Advanced" needed to be added to the title of the PowerPoint. He further found that the Quiz directions stated to take and answer 20 questions, whereas the Quiz directions in the Syllabus directed to take and answer 10 questions. He finally found that there were more than two slides per page in the PowerPoint.

The first motion, made by Commissioner John, was to deny approval of this course. A second for this motion did not occur. A second motion was offered by Commissioner Brown, to conditionally approve the course. A second for this motion did not occur. A third motion was offered by Commissioner Bourre to again, deny approval of this course. Commissioner Brown reconsidered his motion, and the members agreed to Unanimously move to deny approval of this course, due to the sheer number of issues found with the course.

Approved Unanimously

Course: Advanced Florida Building Code: Energy Conservation – 8th Edition (2023)

Code Standards & Guidelines

Provider: Gold Coast School of Construction, Inc. **Accreditor:** JC Code & Construction Consultants, Inc.

BCIS Course Number: 1175.0

Motion: Course *approved* based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: None

Approved Unanimously

Course: Advanced Florida Building Code: Energy Conservation 8th Edition (2023)

Code Standards & Guidelines OL

Provider: Gold Coast School of Construction, Inc. **Accreditor:** JC Code & Construction Consultants, Inc.

BCIS Course Number: 1177.0

Motion: Course approved based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: *None*

Approved Unanimously

Course: 2023 Advanced FBC 8th Edition Significant Code Changes - Internet

Provider: Contractors Educational Services

Accreditor: JC Code & Construction Consultants, Inc.

BCIS Course Number: 1185.0

Motion: Course approved based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: *None*

Approved Unanimously

Course: 2023 Advanced FBC 8th Edition Significant Code Changes

Provider: Contractors Educational Services

Accreditor: JC Code & Construction Consultants, Inc.

BCIS Course Number: 1186.0

Motion: Course *approved* based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: *None*

Approved Unanimously

Course: Advanced Building Code – 2023 FBC Building – Fire Alarm and Detection

Systems (Internet)

Provider: Nodorah Training Institute **Accreditor:** Stay Safe Enterprises **BCIS Course Number:** 1189.0

Motion: Course *approved* based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: *None*

Approved Unanimously

Course: Advanced Building Code – 2023 FBC Building – Fire Alarm and Detection

Systems (Seminar)

Provider: Nodorah Training Institute **Accreditor:** Stay Safe Enterprises **BCIS Course Number:** 1190.0

Motion: Course approved based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: *None* Approved Unanimously

Course: Florida Building Code 8th Edition: Advanced Course

Provider: PDH Academy **Accreditor:** Bill Dumbaugh **BCIS Course Number:** 1179.0

Motion: Course *conditionally approved* based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content, *subject to*

adding the provider's contact information to the Certificate of Completion.

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown

Discussion: The Education Administrator found that the provider address, phone number, and email address were missing from the Certificate of Completion. They need to be added/listed.

Approved Unanimously

Course: Advanced Florida Building Code, 8th Edition, Common Codes, Standards

and Guidelines

Provider: Contractor Training Center, LLC

Accreditor: JC Code & Construction Consultants, Inc.

BCIS Course Number: 1163.0

Motion: Course approved based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown

Discussion: Commissioner John stated that he could not open the course materials to review this course. The Education Administrator stated that course # 1164.0 (listed below) was more or less the same course but offered online. Commissioner John was able to review course # 1164.0. As a result of his review of 1164.0, and the Education Administrator's positive review of this course,

Commissioner John stated that he would approve this course.

Approved Unanimously

Course: Advanced Florida Building Code, 8th Edition, Common Codes, Standards

and Guidelines

Provider: Contractor Training Center, LLC

Accreditor: JC Code & Construction Consultants, Inc.

BCIS Course Number: 1164.0

Motion: Course approved based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown Discussion: None

Approved Unanimously

PENDING ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED UPDATED COURSES FOR

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION

6.) Course: FBC Advanced Module:2023 Swimming Pool Updates **Provider:** Florida Swimming Pool Association Accreditor: Bill Dumbaugh **BCIS Course Number:** 987.1 Motion: Course *conditionally approved* based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content, subject to adding the provider contact information to the Certificate of Completion. Motion: David John Second: Don Brown **Discussion:** The Education Administrator found that the provider's address, phone number, and email address were missing from the Certificate of Completion. This information needs to be added to the Certificate. Dallas Theissen and Courteny Smith (Swimming Pool Association) stated that they would make sure the correct information would be added to the Certificate of Completion. Approved Unanimously Course: 2023 Advanced Building Code, 8th Edition – Accessibility - Internet Provider: Titan Continuing Education, Inc. Accreditor: Bill Dumbaugh **BCIS Course Number:** 970.1 Motion: Course approved based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content **Motion**: David John Second: Don Brown **Discussion:** None Approved Unanimously PENDING ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED SELF AFFIRMED (NO CHANGE) UPDATED COURSES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION 7.) NONE PENDING PENDING ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED SELF AFFIRMED (ONE CHANGE) UPDATED COURSES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION Course: Internet Advanced Florida Building Code – Residential 8th Edition 2023 **Provider:** Contractors Education & Training Corporation Prior Accreditor: JDB Code Services, Inc. **BCIS Course Number:** 1022.1 Motion: Course denied based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the 8.) accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content Motion: David John Second: Don Brown **Discussion:** The Education Administrator stated that the Certificate of Completion was missing, but due to the age of the course the Certificate was not required. However, he further stated that the point of the course was to compare changes that have occurred between the 6th Edition of the FBC Residential and the 8th Edition of the FBC Residential. In fact, many changes have occurred between the 6th and 8th versions of the Residential code. As a result, it appears that this course is in the wrong category. Instead of Self-Affirmed, this course should have been presented as an Updated course, because of the numerous changes to the Residential code.

Approved Unanimously

Course: Florida Building Code 2020 Chapter 27 Electrical

Provider: Stay Safe Ventures, LLC Prior Accreditor: Sean Guthrie BCIS Course Number: 1028.1

Motion: Course denied based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the

accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown

Discussion: The Education Administrator stated that numerous references to the "7th Edition 2020" need to be changed to the "8th Edition 2023", throughout the materials. He also found that the "course description" was missing. He further found that the provider's address, phone number, email address and the building code edition were all missing from the Certificate of Completion. He finally found that there were six slides per page instead of two, in the PowerPoint.

Approved Unanimously

Course: Building Construction Standards As It Relates to Alarm Rules and the FBC

Advanced Course

Provider: Stay Safe Ventures, LLC Prior Accreditor: Sean Guthrie BCIS Course Number: 1117.1

Motion: Course *conditionally approved* based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content, *subject to updating the code references from "7th Edition 2020" to "8th Edition 2023" and changing an Exam answer to 2023.*

Motion: David John Second: Don Brown

Discussion: The Education Administrator stated that numerous references to the "7th Edition 2020" need to be changed to the "8th Edition 2023", throughout the materials. He also found that Exam question "number one's" answer needs to be changed to 2023.

Approved Unanimously

Course: Advanced Backflow Prevention Internet Course One Hour 2023 Florida

Building Code, Plumbing 8th Edition

Provider: Steve Kirkpatrick **Prior Accreditor:** BCIC LLC **BCIS Course Number:** 1046.1

Motion: Course *approved* based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies

the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content

Motion: Don Brown Second: David John Discussion: *None*

Approved Unanimously

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR ACTIVITY REPORT

Discussion: The Education Administrator stated that the report contained brief descriptions of the normal activities of the Administrator from September 26th, 2023, through November 20th, 2023, including staffing the ED POC meetings and handling inquiries from a variety of sources concerning

the FBC Education Program. He also stated that "Training Funding" information (for 2023-2024) was also included in the report, which is promoted by Building A Safer Florida (BASF), and which included the who/what of eligibility requirements. He stated that if anyone was interested, or had questions, to contact Cam Fentriss by the email address listed with the information. No questions were forthcoming from the ED POC members concerning the report content.

- **A.** Provided administrative support for FBC Education POC for the October 3rd, 2023, meeting.
- B. Prepared minutes for FBC Education POC October 3rd, 2023, meeting
- **C**. Prepared agenda for FBC Education POC meeting scheduled for November 30, 2023.
- **D**. Worked with training providers and accreditors to ensure compliance with Rule 61G20-6.002
- **E**. Checked the BCIS to ensure information is current regarding the FBC Education and Accreditation Program
- **F**. Partially completed a random course audit, of an online Accessibility course. Working on the final report.
- **G**. Conducting a review of the "Education and Accreditation' portion of the BCIS website. The focus of the review is ease of use, correct information, and updated information. A findings report will be forthcoming.
- **H**. Inquiries addressed from September 26th, 2023, to November 20th, 2023, were as follows:

57 inquiries: 36 telephone; 7 email; 14 phone and email

Category of Inquirers:

- 5 Accreditors
- 12 Providers
- 22 Consumers (Public)
- 7 Contractor
- 1 Engineer
- 1 Human resource office
- 1 Manufacturer/distributor
- 2 CE providers
- 6 Architect

Types of Inquiries:

- 13 Advanced Courses
- 9 BCIS
- 5 Board of Architecture & Interior Design
- 3 Continuing education
- 2 Air conditioning
- 1 Structural integrity

- 1 Dryer vent
- 1 Shed/DCA number
- 1 Pool safety
- 1 DCA Plans approval
- 1 DCA sticker
- 1 Interior Design license
- 13 Windows
- 4 Roofing
- 1 Room addition

Training Funding Available for 2023-2024

Two types of funding: 7-hour program or "minimum 1 hour" program Reimbursement amount: \$23.00 per hour per attendee Available now, ends June 15, 2024

Eligible attendees:

-- Licensed architects, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, construction contractors, electrical

contractors, or building code administrators or inspectors

- -- Home inspectors, mold remediators
- --- Must include license number for all categories above
- -- Employees in design and construction industries, requires this documentation:
- --- Letter from their design/construction licensed employer
- --- Copy of certificate of workers' compensation insurance or exemption

Eligible course topics:

- -- Florida Building Code
- -- Florida Fire Prevention Code
- -- Construction plan and permitting requirements
- -- Construction liens
- -- Hurricane mitigation

For "minimum 1 hour" program, course requirements:

-- At least 50% must be codes

For 7-hour program, course requirements:

- -- At least three (3) hours codes
- -- At least two (2) hours advanced codes

For any program, course requirements:

- -- Mitigation training for home inspectors must include proctored exam and comply with section 627.711(2), F.S.
- -- *Course evaluations are REQUIRED that cover the following:
- --- Satisfaction with instructor
- --- Satisfaction with course materials
- --- Satisfaction with conduct of the training
- --- Ask whether "highly satisfied" "satisfied" "not satisfied" for each above

Must enter into an agreement before submitting for grant funds, must verify availability of funds first.

Documentation required (failure to submit is a 5% penalty):

	Submitted within FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS AFTER EACH COURSE Advertisement (must be approved in advance) Sign in sheets as acceptable for each licensing board Separate sign in sheets for licensees and non-licensed employees Non-licensed employee sign in sheets must include type of proof submitted *Copy of course evaluation for each attendee *Failure to demonstrate that 75% or more of trainees were satisfied or highly satisfied with the course instructor will result in a 1% penalty for each 5% increment or portion thereof that the percentage of satisfied trainees fall below 75%. E-mail Cam Fentriss at basfgrant@gmail.com if interested and for more information.
	OTHER POC BUSINESS
10.)	The Education Administrator stated that currently, there are no restrictions regarding how many training material files can be uploaded into the BCIS, within the categories of "Course Reference Materials" or "Course Presentation Materials.' Because of this, ED POC members (when reviewing courses) receive a list identifying which documents to review, and which documents not to review. ISF, a DBPR technology vendor, has created a solution for this problem. When it is implemented, a provider will only be able to upload one document into each of the two categories. This action will make course reviews much more efficient/easier and should make course construction less cumbersome/easier. Mo Madani (DBPR) asked the Ed POC members when they thought this should be implemented by ISF. Commissioner John stated that he thought it should be done as soon as possible. All the other Commissioners agreed that sooner is best. Mr. Madani stated that it will be done soon after the Commission Meeting on December 12 th .
	PUBLIC COMMENT
11.)	Joe Belcher (accreditor) stated that he could not find the provision in the Education Rule Language that states that no more than two slides should be on one page in a PowerPoint. Justin Vogel (Commission Attorney) stated that the provision in question is located on a form, which was approved as part of the Rule Language. He further stated that he would check the form and get back with Mr. Belcher.
	POC MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENT
12.)	No other POC member or staff comment was forthcoming.
13.)	ADJOURN ADJOURNED AT 10:10 AM EST Motion: To adjourn Motion: Don Brown Second: David John Approved Unanimously

STAFF CONTACT: Michael Clark (MRC Consulting) mrcconsulting@earthlink.net: 850.545.1451

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING SCHEDULE

EDUCATION POC MEMBERSHIP					
MEMBER	REPRESENTATION				
Michael Bourre	Residential Contractor, Chair				
Brian Langille	Natural Gas Distributor				
Don Brown	Insurance Industry				
David John	Engineering				
Brad Schiffer	Architect				
STAFF					
Justin Vogel Legal Advisor					
Jim Hammers	Technical Support				
Thomas Campbell	Administrative Support				
FACILITATOR					
Michael Clark (MRC Consulting)					

2023 POC MEETING SCHEDULE				
I.	January 31, 2023 (9:00 AM EST)	Tallahassee and via teleconference		
II.	March 31, 2023 (9:00 AM EST)	Tallahassee and via teleconference		
III.	June 7, 2023 (9:00 AM EST)	Tallahassee and via teleconference		
IV.	August 8, 2023 (9:00 AM EST)	Tallahassee and via teleconference		
V.	October 3, 2023 (9:00 AM EST)	Tallahassee and via teleconference		
VI.	November 30, 2023 (9:00 AM EST)	Tallahassee and via teleconference		

2023 Course Accreditation Application Deadline Schedule				
	ED POC MEETING DATE	ACCREDITED APPLICATIONS SUBMITTAL		
		DEADLINE		
I.	January 31, 2023, Meeting	January 16, 2023		
II.	March 31, 2023, Meeting	March 19, 2023		
III.	June 7, 2023 Meeting	May 28, 2023		
IV.	August 8, 2023 Meeting	July 23, 2023		
V.	October 3, 2023 Meeting	September 24, 2023		
VI.	November 30, 2023 Meeting	November 19, 2023		

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATE FORMATS UPON REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, CODES AND STANDARDS, 5TH FLOOR, 2601 BLAIRSTONE RD., TALLAHASSEE, FL, 32399.