

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
COMMITTEE MEETING
TELECONFERENCE**

October 19, 2022

Education and Research Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022, 2:00 PM.

Committee Members:

Karen Tikkanen, Chairwoman

Andy Matthews

Stephen Terry, PhD, PE

Mack Summey, PE

Montrena Hadley

Chairwoman Tikknen called the meeting to order and roll call was conducted. All members were present except for Andy Matthews and Mack Summey. Board Legal Counsel Dan Johnson (NCDOJ), Rob Roegner, Mike Hejduk, Beth Williams, Sam Whittington, Jennifer Hollyfield and Rich Hall were present.

The Committee met to discuss the following:

- NCORR Apprenticeship Pilot Program, temporary rule changes similar to RCI.
 - Roegner gave overview of NCORR Apprenticeship Pilot Program and possibilities how it could be utilized in lieu of the Standard Certificate courses for Building, Mechanical, Plumbing and Electric. Program is 36 weeks, 2 days a week is dedicated to classroom instruction, with the 3 days a week dedicated to OTJ (on-the-job) training. Program will be offered to DOI inspectors/jurisdictions only. NCDOI is the sponsor of the program and NCORR will be offering the funding for this program. Hejduk recommended that this be submitted approved as ApprenticeshipNC and that Joe Starling would discuss with Shante Bell.
- Board Course instructors to discuss changes to update courses from 2018 to 2024 Codes.
 - Hejduk mentioned a need to develop a conference/workshop to bring together all of the current/active Standard Course Instructors to discuss best practices in updating all codes to correctly reflect in Standard Courses instructional materials/presentations. NCDOI is exploring the possibility of purchasing code changes from ICC.
- Update the Board Course Guidelines (circa 2006 attached) and/or proposed rule-making.

- Hejduk shared there is a huge need for the Board Course Guidelines for Community Colleges to be updated. This document has not been updated since 2006. Tikkanen recommended for Board Staff to be responsible for providing the recommendations for needed revisions and bring back to the Board.
- Split the Building Level 1 course COD 3105 into two (2) separate courses – one for the Building Code (Commercial), one for the Residential Code (1&2 family dwellings).
 - Building Level 1 is currently offered over a period of 6 days for both Residential (3 days) and Commercial (3 days). Hejduk recommended that the course be offered over a period of 10 days (Residential 5 days) (Commercial 5 days).
- Provide an additional 3-month self-study option with three (3) proctored 50 question End-of-Course tests as an *alternate* to the in-class proctored 80 question test.
 - Rich Hall highlighted the Self-study option currently being offered for the Fire Level 1 Standard Certificate Course.
- Allow other sponsors to teach the Board courses in addition to the North Carolina Community College System.
 - Tikkanen gave a short presentation on FTEs, and how Standard Certificate Courses are budgeted throughout the NC Community College System. She also explained how FTEs may directly impact Standard Certificate Course(s) cancellations, due to low enrollment. She also shared the pros and cons of allowing additional Sponsors offer these courses outside of the NCCCS.

Roegner made a motion to the Committee to recommend NCORR Apprenticeship Pilot Program be carried forward to the Board. Terry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Roegner made a motion to adjourn meeting. Hadley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.