

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**

**March 20, 2018**

**Via teleconference**

Bill Thunberg, Chairman of the Board, chaired the special meeting of the Board held Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 9:00 A.M via teleconference hosted at the Board's meeting facility at 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC. No audio recording was made.

The sole agenda item and purpose of the special meeting was to hear the Joint Committee's report and recommendation regarding two general statute changes.

Chairman Thunberg opened the meeting and asked Kathy Williams to call roll. Eleven (11) Board members attended constituting a quorum to conduct business. In attendance were: Chairman Thunberg, Vice-Chairman Ken Stafford, Brenda Lyerly, Ray Rice, Andy Matthews, Cliff Isaac, Allen Kelly, Jeff Griffin, Mark Smith, Dan Brummitt and Mack Summey. The following members were absent: Stephen Terry, Richard Ducker, James, Steele, Lance Olive, Taher Abu-Lebdeh, and Chris Raynor.

Staff Director Kathy Williams, NCDOI board staff Terri Tart, Denise Stanford, Board Counsel, and Rob Roegner, Chief Deputy Commissioner attended.

Chairman Thunberg made introductory remarks, stated the purpose of the meeting and asked if any board member had any conflict of interest concerns regarding the agenda item. None were voiced.

Stafford made the report on the Joint Committee Meeting. The Committee recommended the following changes to GS 143-151.13A:

**§ 143-151.13A. Professional development program for officials.**

*"...~~(d)~~ As a condition of reactivating a standard or limited certificate, the Board shall ~~may~~ require the completion of professional development courses within ~~one~~ two years after reemployment as an official as follows:*

*(1) An individual who has been on inactive status for more than two years ~~and who has not been continuously employed by a city or county inspection department during the period of inactive status~~ shall complete professional development courses not to exceed ~~six~~ 12 hours for each technical area in which the individual is certified.*

*(2) ~~An individual who has been on inactive status for more than two years and who has been continuously employed by a city or county inspection department during the period of inactive status shall complete professional development courses not to exceed six hours for each technical area in which the individual is certified.~~*

*(2~~3~~) An individual who has been on inactive status for two years or less shall complete professional development courses not to exceed four hours for each technical area in which the individual is certified."*

Matthews made a motion to accept the recommended statute change GS 143-151.13A as recommended by the Joint Committee. Griffin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Cliff Isaac discussed that he was concerned about no exam being required. Rob Roegner also stated he was concerned about no testing requirement. There was much discussion regarding this issue.

Brummitt made a motion to accept the changes to GS 143-151.14 as amended. Rice seconded the motion. The motion carried. The general statute and changes are shown below.

§ 143-151.14 – Comity.

~~“The Board shall may, without requiring an examination, grant a standard certificate as a qualified Code-enforcement official for a particular type of position and level to any person who,; at the time of application, is certified as a qualified Code-enforcement official by a similar board of another state, district or territory where standards are acceptable to the Board and not lower than those required by this Article.~~

(1) At the time of application is certified as a qualified Code-enforcement official in good standing by a similar board of another state, district or territory where the standards, experience and education requirements for the particular certification by the issuing state, district or territory, have been pre-determined by the Board as equal and not lower than that those required by this Article; or

(2) At the time of application, absent any record of disciplinary action or ongoing investigation by a state, district or territory, holds an active certification by a model code certification program, whose standards are acceptable to the Board, as evidence of technical competency, and not lower than those required by this Article.

The applicant must comply with experience and education qualifications as required in Board rules. An individual requesting an equivalent standard certification through comity will be issued a probationary certification until completing and passing the NC Law and Administrative course and has received additional training on NC Amendments as specified by the Board. A fee of not more than twenty dollars (\$20.00), as determined by the Board, must be paid by the applicant to the Board for the issuance of a certificate under the provisions of this section. The provisions of G.S. 143-151.16(b) relating to renewal fees and late renewals shall apply to every person granted a standard certificate in accordance with this section. (1977, c. 531, s. 1; 2007-120, s. 2.)”

Matthews made a motion to send both recommendations to the Legislative House Select Committee by March 21, 2018 by 5:00 pm. Isaac seconded the motion.

Isaac made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matthews seconded the motion.