

North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board Rules Review Committee Special Meeting Minutes- DRAFT



July 6, 2023 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

The meeting was held via Webex.

1. Introduction Welcome/Roll Call

Rob Roegner asked Beth Williams to call the roll. Roegner read the Conflict of Interest statement.

Fleming El-Amin motioned to approve the April 20, 2023 meeting minutes, Michael Crotts seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Roegner gave a brief introduction to the purpose of the meeting and gave an overview of the work currently being completed by staff in realigning the rules and certifications.

Committee members present by roll call vote:

- 1) Chair, Rob Roegner
- 2) Fleming El-Amin
- 3) Michael Crotts

James Steele was not present.

Attendees:

Todd Neal, Board legal counsel	Shandy Padgett	Mark Griffin
Mike Hejduk	David Rittlinger	Steven Stack
Beth Williams	Town of Garner Inspections	
Terri Tart	Sam Whittington	

2. NCCOQB Rules review and realignment

Roegner asked various associations to share comments regarding proposed rule changes. Roegner shared that HB488 has passed the Senate and the House and is currently waiting for the Governor's signature.

3. Public Comment

The following attendees offered public comment:

Mark Griffin

Mark Griffin, Director of Code Enforcement, Union County and NC Electrical Inspector Association – agreed with changes. Griffin stated that Level I should be restricted to residential applications, Level II would move into commercial applications, and Level III would

be the unlimited commercial applications. Griffin also recommended removing the term "Levels". In addition, Griffin suggested additional levels of certification ("rider") for speciality items such as a Photovoltaic ("PV"), generators, etc. He feels that all trades should be listed independent from each other and leave rules open-ended for additional revisions that may arise in the future.

Fleming El-Amin asked Griffin how might the rider work. Griffin gave the example of PV certification needed for those inspectors holding a residential certificate, who had to inspect a PV system on a residence. The rider or specialized certificate, in addition to, the residential certificate would allow the inspector to perform the required inspection.

Mike Hejduk shared various responses given by members of the NC Building Inspectors Association ("NCBIA"). The summary included that there were some that wanted to stay with the current system and others did not. In addition, some comments showed interest in having a Level I inspector that could do both residential and commercial inspections. Concerns were noted about how the new organization might affect pay/incentives for jurisdiction staff.

Hejduk also shared comments from the NC Fire Marshals Association ("NCFMA"). They are interested in the time/experience required between levels. The organization would like to the the two year time requirement to be reduced between Level I and II and possibly the one year time required between Level II and III. Hejduk encouraged them to take the existing rules and mark them up and submit their suggested revisions.

Roegner suggested next steps for staff to develop and draft rule changes for the next Rules Review Committee meeting. Next meeting to be scheduled for September 2023.

4. Adjournment

Michael Crofts motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fleming El-Amin second the motion. Meeting adjourned.