

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION  
EDUCATION PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

JANUARY 30TH, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

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**POC MEMBERS**

X-Brian Langille-Chair, Don Brown, David John, James Schock, 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*

	<b>WELCOME AND OPENING ROLL CALL</b> A. Roll Call of POC Members  <b>POC Members Present:</b> Brian Langille, (Chair), David John, Brad Schiffer, Don Brown, James Schock <b>POC Member(s) Absent:</b> None
1.)	B. Identification of Staff Attendees  <b>Staff/Meeting Attendees Identified:</b> Mo Madani                    Jim Hammers                    Mike Silvers Justin Vogel                    Alan Burke Michael Clark                    John Farinelli
2.)	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA</b>  <b>Motion:</b> To approve as submitted <b>Motion:</b> Don Brown <b>Second:</b> David John <b>Approved Unanimously</b>
3.)	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4TH, 2025, MEETING MINUTES</b>

	<p><b>Motion:</b> To approve as submitted  <b>Motion:</b> Don Brown  <b>Second:</b> Brad Schiffer  <b>Approved Unanimously</b></p>
4.)	<p><b>PENDING ACCREDITOR APPLICATIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION</b></p> <p>NONE PENDING</p>
5.)	<p><b>PENDING ADVANCED ACCREDITED COURSE APPLICATIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION</b></p> <p><b><u>NEW APPROVED COURSES</u></b></p> <p><b>Course:</b> 2023 Advanced Training: Designing the Accessible Means of Egress  <b>Provider:</b> JC Code &amp; Construction Consultants, Inc.  <b>Accreditor:</b> Larry M. Schneider AIA.  <b>BCIS Course Number:</b> 1340.0  <b>Motion:</b> Course <i>approved</i> based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content  <b>Motion:</b> David John  <b>Second:</b> James Schock  <b>Discussion:</b> Commissioner John stated that the Florida Building Commission's logo was located on the course Certificate of Completion. He further stated that he felt the logo could mean the Commission is endorsing a private course and further believes that it is misleading and that the logo should be removed from the certificate. Commissioner Brown stated that he agrees with Commissioner John. Justin Vogel (FBC legal counsel) stated that no rule language currently exists that prohibits the logo from being present on the certificate. He further stated that the rulemaking process could be used to legally prohibit FBC related logos and/or avatars from being printed on private course materials. Mo Madani stated that currently the Product Approval committee allows things like logos to exist on materials, even though it doesn't happen very often. Commissioner Langille stated that he didn't see any harm with the logo since the ED POC is approving the course. John Farinelli (course provider) stated that Building A Safer Florida's grant funding information allows for logos to be placed on course materials to show an affiliation with the Florida Building Commission.  Commissioner John then stated that on slide 6, a reference was made to the 2003 International Building Code (IBC), which he said should have referenced the 2023 IBC. Mo Madani stated that if you look at the 2023 Florida Building Code, that the 2003 IBC is referenced, so the slide six reference to the 2003 IBC was correct.  Commissioner John then stated that on slide 4, the verbiage referenced that the course information was taken from the Florida Building Codes, the Accessibility Codes, and the IBC. He stated that a comma should have been placed between FBC and Accessibility, instead of the word "and". He felt it was confusing without the comma. John Farinelli (training provider) stated that he was just listing the references from where the course information came from and chose to use "and" instead of a comma. Commissioner John thanked J. Farinelli for his explanation.  Commissioner Brown stated that he was satisfied with the earlier explanation regarding the FBC logo being present on the course Certificate of Completion. He just wanted to ask again if there exists any harm or illegality for allowing the logo? Justin Vogel (FBC legal counsel) stated that he had no concerns from a legal standpoint, for allowing the logo and approving the course by the ED POC.  <b>Approved Unanimously</b></p>

	<p><b>Course:</b> 2023 Advanced Training: Designing the Accessible Means of Egress  <b>Provider:</b> JC Code &amp; Construction Consultants, Inc.  <b>Accreditor:</b> Larry M. Schneider AIA.  <b>BCIS Course Number:</b> 1341.0  <b>Motion:</b> Course <i>approved</i> based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content  <b>Motion:</b> James Schock  <b>Second:</b> Brad Schiffer  <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Commissioner John stated that the course reviews for this course (1341.0) were actually the reviews for 1340.0. Michael Clark (Education Administrator) checked and stated that was correct. However, he further stated that all of the course information presented for 1340.0 was exactly the same for 1341.0, so it didn't make a difference. John Farinelli (course provider) also stated that all the materials were exactly the same, except for the Method of Presentation. Commissioner Schock asked if the course number on the course Certificate of Completion was correct? Michael Clark stated that the course number (1341.0) was correctly placed on the certificate.</i>  <b>Approved Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>Course:</b> 1 Hour Online Advanced Building Code  <b>Provider:</b> EDULANDSCAPE.ORG  <b>Accreditor:</b> Bill Dumbaugh  <b>BCIS Course Number:</b> 1342.0  <b>Motion:</b> Course <i>approved</i> based on the FBC accreditation process that only verifies the accuracy of the Florida Building Code related content  <b>Motion:</b> Don Brown  <b>Second:</b> James Schock  <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Commissioner John stated that he could not find a Method of Presentation in the provided course information. Commissioner Schiffer stated that the word "online" was part of the title. Commissioner John agreed.</i>  <b>Approved Unanimously</b></p>
6.)	<p><b>PENDING ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED UPDATED COURSES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION</b></p> <p>NONE PENDING</p>
7.)	<p><b>PENDING ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED SELF AFFIRMED (NO CHANGE) UPDATED COURSES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION</b></p> <p>NONE PENDING</p>
8.)	<p><b>PENDING ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED SELF AFFIRMED (ONE CHANGE) UPDATED COURSES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION</b></p> <p>NONE PENDING</p>
9.)	<p><b>EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR ACTIVITY REPORT</b></p>

**Discussion:** The Education Administrator stated that the report contained brief descriptions of the normal activities of the Administrator from November 25th, 2025, through January 20th, 2026, 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 2025-2026) 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 December 4th, 2025, meeting.
- B.** Prepared minutes for FBC Education POC December 4th, 2025, meeting.
- C.** Prepared agenda for FBC Education POC meeting scheduled for January 30th, 2026.
- 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.** 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.
- G.** Inquiries addressed from November 25th, 2025, to January 20th, 2026, were as follows:

16 inquiries: 9 telephone; 5 email; 2 phone and email

**Category of Inquirers:**

2 Accreditors  
5 Providers  
4 Consumers (Public)  
2 Engineers  
1 Building official  
1 Architect  
1 Interior designer

**Types of Inquiries:**

7 Advanced Courses  
4 BCIS assistance  
1 Windows  
1 Surcharges  
1 Board of Architects  
1 Interior designer license  
1 Tiny house

## Training Funding Available for 2025-2026

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, 2026  
Eligible attendees:

- Licensed architects, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, construction contractors, electrical contractors, or building code administrators or inspectors
- Home inspectors, mold remediaters
- 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](mailto:basfgrant@gmail.com) if interested and for more information.

10.)	<b>OTHER POC BUSINESS</b>  No other POC business was forthcoming.
11.)	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>  John Farinelli (training provider) asked when can providers start submitting updated courses using the 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition of the building code. Mo Madani stated that the cycle will open on July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026. He further stated that a blast email will be sent to all providers noticing that date.
12.)	<b>POC MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENT</b>  No POC member or staff comment was forthcoming.
13.)	<b>ADJOURN</b>  <b>ADJOURNED AT 9:35 AM EST</b> <b>Motion:</b> To adjourn <b>Motion:</b> Don Brown <b>Second:</b> James Schock <b>Approved Unanimously</b>

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>EDUCATION POC MEMBERSHIP</b>	
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>REPRESENTATION</b>
Brian Langille	Natural Gas Distributor, Chair
James Schock	Representative – Persons With Disabilities
Don Brown	Insurance Industry
David John	Engineering
Brad Schiffer	Architect
<b>STAFF</b>	
Justin Vogel	Legal Advisor
Jim Hammers	Technical Support
Mo Madani	Administrative Support

FACILITATOR	
Michael Clark	(MRC Consulting)

2026 POC MEETING SCHEDULE		
I.	January 30th, 2026 (9:00 AM EST)	Tallahassee and via teleconference
II.	March 2026 (TBA)	Tallahassee and via teleconference
III.	June 2026 (TBA)	Tallahassee and via teleconference
IV.	August 2026 (TBA)	Tallahassee and via teleconference
V.	October 2026 (TBA)	Tallahassee and via teleconference
VI.	December 2026 (TBA)	Tallahassee and via teleconference

2026 COURSE ACCREDITATION APPLICATION DEADLINE SCHEDULE		
	ED POC MEETING DATE	ACCREDITED COURSE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
I.	January 30th, 2026, Meeting	January 18, 2026
II.	March 2026 Meeting	(TBA)
III.	June 2026 Meeting	(TBA)
IV.	August 2026 Meeting	(TBA)
V.	October 20256 Meeting	(TBA)
VI.	December 2026 Meeting	(TBA)

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