

**Florida Building Commission
Education POC Minutes
February 2006**

Members Present: Dick Browdy (Chair), Jon Hamrick, Pete Tagliarini, Steve Bassett, Herminio Gonzalez

Members Absent: Steve Corn

February 2006 Education POC Agenda approved as presented.

Motion: Steve Bassett

2nd: Herminio Gonzalez

Approved Unanimously

Approval of December 2005 Minutes

Motion: Steve Bassett

2nd: Herminio Gonzalez

Approved Unanimously

Report on January 13, 2006 Workshop: Minimum Course Materials Needed for Accreditation Review

Michael Clark summarized the report contained in the agenda. The workshop was held at Florida State University, Tallahassee, on January 13, 2006. Attendees consisted of training providers, training course accreditors, DBPR licensing staff, and DCA staff. As stated in the report, the reason for the workshop was for representatives of all of the parties involved in the accreditation process to determine if minimum standards for course materials submission by providers could be identified. It was reported that everyone participated in the discussion. Various issues and recommendations were identified during the discussion. The group eventually agreed that the Education Administrator should identify the elements of an appropriate course syllabus. Those elements were included in the report.

It was also noted that this workshop was not noticed. The Chair suggested that these types of meetings (workshops) should be noticed from now on to comply with the requirements of the Sunshine Law enabling more than one Commissioner to attend the meeting.

Discuss Online Core Course Fees

Ila Jones reported that the current FBC Training Program revenue was at \$96,680.00(at \$40 per course). If the fee was increased to \$50 per course, the annual revenue would

increase to \$120,850. It was stated that the current fee has not changed for five years. Also, if the committee chose to increase the fee to \$50 per course, the final approval would be accomplished through a rule change. The committee chose not to increase the fee at this time.

Discuss Procedure to Revoke Approval of Advance Courses Not Updated with 2005 Supplement

A letter was developed by DCA staff to send to providers explaining to them that if they don't update their course(s), then approval for those course(s) will be revoked. The letter was read and discussion ensued. The question was raised by the Chair, "If the FBC knows a course is being taught that has not been updated, then can the FBC immediately stop the course from being taught until the updates have been provided?" Other suggestions were provided during the discussion. The following action emanated from the discussion:

- The Chair asked the General Counsel for an opinion regarding this issue. That is, what are the requirements in the rule for keeping courses currently updated? This opinion is to be provided for the next education POC Meeting.

Discussion on Course Development

Ila Jones suggested that the FBC develop a statement to be given to all providers, telling them that the FBC will not develop courses after a certain date (in approximately one year). Rather, training providers will develop the courses. The committee raised no objections to this suggestion. **The Chair asked Ila Jones to prepare this letter for future committee approval.**

Discuss Need for Accreditation of Approved FBC Instructor-Led Developed Courses That Are Formatted to Online Courses

It was suggested that instructor – led courses that are formatted to become online courses need not go through the accreditation process because they have already been accredited. It was recommended that these courses be administratively be approved by DCA staff. It was stated during the ensuing discussion that instructor – led courses and online courses are actually quite different in their design, even though the information being presented is basically the same. As a part of this discussion, the issue was raised of not only evaluating courses for their code compliance, but also to evaluate regarding the quality of the design and delivery of the course. The Chair suggested that the "quality" issue is one for future discussion.

Motion: Instructor – led courses that are formatted to become online courses should go through the accreditation process again.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Summary and Review of Meeting Work Products/Action Items, Assignments, and Next Steps

The Chair suggested that the role of the accreditor and the scope of the accreditation process will certainly be topics for further discussion. The suggestion was also made to consider scheduling another Accreditor's Workshop in the near future.

Recommended Commission Actions

Approve Accreditor Application: Building Officials & Inspectors Educational Assoc.
(William Dumbaugh)

Categories: Accessibility, Administration, Building-Commercial, Building-Residential, Building-Special Occupancy, Class A Air Conditioning, Class B Air Conditioning, Class C Air Conditioning, Commercial Pool/Spa, Electrical Commercial, Electric Residential, Existing Building Code, Sheet Metal, Mechanical, Residential Pool/Spa, Building-Special Occupancy, Fire, Roofing, Solar, Pollutant Storage System, Energy, Fuel/Gas, Plumbing

Motion: Herminio Gonzalez

2nd: Jon Hamrick

Approved Unanimously

Approve Courses Reviewed by FBC Approved Accreditors
Building/Structural (Internet)

Provider: Contractors Institute

Accreditor: Tanenbaum Construction Inc.

Motion: Herminio Gonzalez

2nd: Jon Hamrick

Approved Unanimously

Approve Courses Reviewed by FBC Approved Accreditors
Mechanical/Energy (Internet)

Provider: Contractors Institute

Accreditor: Tanenbaum Construction Inc.

Motion: Herminio Gonzalez

2nd: Jon Hamrick

Approved Unanimously

Approve Courses Reviewed by FBC Approved Accreditors

Plumbing/Fuel Gas (Internet)
Provider: Contractors Institute
Accreditor: Tanenbaum Construction Inc.

Motion: Jon Hamrick

2nd: Pete Tagliarini

Approved Unanimously

Approve Courses Reviewed by FBC Approved Accreditors
Orientation to Florida Alarm Contracting Law

Provider: Stay Safe Enterprises, LLC

Accreditor: Alarm Association of Florida

Motion: Jon Hamrick

2nd: Steve Bassett

Unanimous Recommendation to Take No Action

Updated Course Approvals

The courses listed below have been updated with the 2005 Code Supplement. The chair listed all of the courses and asked for a Consent Agenda approval for all of the courses.

Motion: Herminio Gonzalez

2nd: Steve Bassett

Approved Unanimously

Course Name	Provider	Accreditor	Date of Accreditation
Building/Structural	Titan Continuing Education	BCIC LLC	1/6/2006
Building/Structural	Smith, Currie & Hancock	Contractors Institute	1/4/2006
Building/Structural	Contractors Education Services	BCIC LLC	1/3/2006
Administration	Becker and Poliakoff	BCIC LLC	1/3/2006
Building/Structural	Contractors Institute	Gold Coast Construction	1/3/2006
Mechanical/Energy	Contractors Institute	Gold Coast Construction	1/3/2006
Plumbing/Fuel Gas	Contractors Institute	Gold Coast Construction	1/3/2006
Energy Internet	Gold Coast School of Construction	Contractors Institute	1/9/2006
Building/Structural	Pinch a Penny, Inc.	JDB Code Services, Inc.	1/11/2006

Building/Structural	Red Vector	BCIC LLC	1/17/2006
Building/Structural	AAA Construction School	JDB Code Services, Inc.	1/22/2006
Mechanical/Energy	AAA Construction School	JDB Code Services, Inc.	1/22/2006
Plumbing/Fuel Gas	AAA Construction School	JDB Code Services, Inc.	1/22/2006
Building/Structural	Construction Estimating Institute	BCIC LLC	2/2/2006

Adjournment

The chair asked for public comment at this point. There was no comment. The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.