

The 45th Annual STATE CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

March 5, 2026

DRAFT Agenda

7:00	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING	
8:00	OPENING GENERAL SESSION - ROOM 1	
	Welcome	Michael Shumsky, PE, Director of State Construction Office Gabriel Esparza, Secretary, NCDOA
8:15	Special Guest Speaker	TBD
8:25	State Building Commission Update	Baker Glasgow, Chair, State Building Commission
8:35	State Budget Revenue Forecast and Capital Updates	Kristin Walker, State Budget Director, OSBM
9:00	SCO News	Michael Shumsky, PE, Director of State Construction Office
9:20	HUB Overview	Alicia Lyon, Director, NCDOA HUB Office John Guenther, Assistant Director, NCDOA HUB Office
9:35	Inspection Discoveries	Mark Terrell, Building Systems Engineer, State Construction Office
10:00	BREAK AND NETWORKING	
10:30	Construction Economic Outlook	Kenneth Simonson, Chief Economist - AGC of America
11:30	LUNCH SESSION - ROOM 2	
12:10	Frank B. Turner Award	Michael Shumsky, PE, Director of State Construction Office
12:20	SBC Merit Awards	Baker Glasgow, Chair, State Building Commission
12:40	HUB Awards for Excellence	Alicia Lyon, Director, NCDOA HUB Office
BREAK-OUT SESSIONS (Attend one session for each time slot)		
1:00	ROOM 1 (A&B)	
	▶ Dealing with Flammable Refrigerants (A2L's)	Mike Hejduk, PE, MPA, Mechanical Supervisor, State Construction Office Kate Whalen, Chief Mechanical Code and Fuel Gas Code Consultant, NC Department of Insurance
	ROOM 1 (C&D)	
	▶ Effective Construction Administration	Michael Ali, PE, Assistant Director, State Construction Office John Farkas, AIA, LEED AP, JKF Architecture
	ROOM 3	
	▶ Navigating Accessibility in the 2024 NC Building Code	Todd Tingler, RA, Architect, State Construction Office Dayle Shannon, RA, Architect, State Construction Office
	ROOM 6	
	▶ Ethics & Rules of Professional Conduct for Engineers in NC	Vinnie Goel, PhD, PE, Board Chairman, NCBELS David Evans, Asst. Executive Director, NCBELS Wes Tripp III, Board Counsel, NCBELS
2:00	ROOM 1 (A&B)	
	▶ Elevator and Fire Alarm Communications	Paul Kitchens, PE, Partner, Newcomb & Boyd Ralph Taylor, PE, CEM, Project Manager, State Construction Office Robert Winston, Electrical Technician, State Construction Office

	ROOM 1 (C&D)	
	▶ Modular and Prefabricated Construction	Robert Talley, PE, Assistant Director, State Construction Office Barry Vess, Code Consultant Bldg. Code Official Supervisor-West, NCDOL
	ROOM 3	
	▶ Aspects of Good Faith Efforts	John Guenther, Assistant Director, NCDOA HUB Office Crista Cuccaro, UNC School of Government
	ROOM 6	
	▶ Coordination of delegated design with Building Systems	Douglas Hall, AIA, Project Manager, State Construction Office Adam Spach, PE, Principal, Salas O'Brien Mary Beth Russo, Project Manager, Skanska
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5:00	ADJOURN	

FOLLOW-UP EVENTS

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - 22nd Annual Contractor's Networking Reception & Expo - NCDOA Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (Open to all Conference Attendees)