

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

TBA

Baker Glasgow, Chair, State Building Commission

Kristin Walker, State Budget Director, OSBM

8:15 Special Guest Speaker

8:25 State Building Commission Update

8:35 State Budget Revenue Forecast
and Capital Updates

9:00 SCO News

9:20 HUB Overview

Michael Shumsky, PE, Director of State Construction Office

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, PE, 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

Thom Tonetti, Assoc. VP, Jenkins Peer Architects, A Cannon Design Company

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

Bo Laraia, RCDD, TLT, Principal, 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 Jeff Hinkle, Project Monitor, State Construction Office
	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 HUB Annual Contractor's Connections & Partnership Expo - NCDOA HUB Office
(Open to all Conference Attendees)

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