

STATE BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING

NEW EDUCATION BUILDING, SUITE 450, RALEIGH, NC

9:30 AM
August 25, 2026
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT – Chair Baker Glasgow (SCO Large Conference Room), Vice Chair Kristen Hess (SCO Large Conference Room), Jack Hargett (MS Teams), Dene’ Alexander (MS Teams), Rob McClintock (MS Teams), Roger Woods (SCO Large Conference Room), Miriam Tripp (SCO Large Conference Room), John Ogburn (MS Teams), and Honorable Tammi Thurm (SCO Large Conference Room)

SCO STAFF PRESENT (SCO Large Conference Room) – Michael Shumsky, Vibha Goel, Ryan Scruggs, Bob Talley, Aaron Lumpe, Shahgol Mostashari, Shohreh Katoozian, and Kadisha Molyneaux

OTHERS PRESENT (SCO Large Conference Room) – Sydnee Fryer (DOA)

OTHERS PRESENT (MS Teams) – Mark Edwards (DOA Chief Deputy Secretary), Lewis Lamar (DOJ), Erin Lawrence (DNCR), David Lewis (DNCR), Clark Jenkins (DNCR), Gregory Johnson (DPS), and Rhonda Mooring (NCNG)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ETHICS STATEMENT

Chair Baker Glasgow was present in the State Construction Office Large Conference Room.
Chair Baker Glasgow called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and read the ethics statement.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

• Tammi Z. Thurm, Representative of Local Government

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 9, 2026)

Roger Woods motioned to approve the Minutes from June 9, 2026 and Vice Chair Kristen Hess seconded the motion.

9 = AYE Votes (Chair Baker Glasgow, Vice Chair Kristen Hess, Jack Hargett, Dene’ Alexander, Rob McClintock, Roger Woods, Miriam Tripp, John Ogburn and Tammi Thurm)

0 = NAY Votes

0 = Abstain

4. EMERGENCY DECLARATION LETTERS

Michael Shumsky presented Seven (7) Emergency Declarations as Information Only:

- NC State University: North Campus Phytotron Lab Renovations (Wake County)
July 9, 2026
- NC Central University: James E. Shepard Memorial Renovation (Durham County)
July 16, 2026
- NC Department of Health & Human Services: O’Berry Neuro-Medical Treatment Center Electrical Repairs (Wayne County)
July 23, 2026
- NC Department of Transportation: Buncombe Maintenance Yard Complex Drainage Pipe Replacement (Buncombe County)
July 30, 2026
- NC Department of Administration: Extreme Heat Response - Chiller Plant 2 Project (Wake County)
August 11, 2026
- NC Department of Information Technology: Western Data Center UPS Systems Battery String Replacements (Rutherford County)
August 21, 2026
- NC Department of Health & Human Services: O’Berry Neuro-Medical Treatment Center Electrical Repairs - Switchgear Replacement (Wayne County)
August 24, 2026

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5. SELECTION OF DESIGN FIRM

Department of Public Safety
Division of Juvenile Justice
Multipurpose Group Home Renovations
Chowan, Craven, Hertford, Macon, Robeson, and Wayne Counties, NC

Ryan Scruggs presented the project. The following firms were recommended in priority order:

1. Clearscapes, P.A. (Raleigh, NC)
2. Osterland Architects, PLLC (Raleigh, NC)
3. Ersoy Brake Appleyard Architects, P.A. (Winston-Salem, NC)

Vice Chair Kristen Hess motioned to approve and Roger Woods seconded the motion.

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6. SELECTION OF DESIGN FIRM

Department of Public Safety
NC National Guard
Salemberg Tarheel Challenge Academy - Parking Lot Upgrades
Sampson County, NC

Ryan Scruggs presented the project. The following firms were recommended in priority order:

1. Frank Land Design, PC (Pittsboro, NC)
2. Timmons Group, Inc. (Raleigh, NC)
3. Bowman North Carolina Ltd. (Raleigh, NC)

Miriam Tripp motioned to approve and Jack Hargett seconded the motion.

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7. SELECTION OF DESIGN FIRM

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Parks and Recreation
Wilderness Gateway State Trail - Initial Development
Catawba County, NC

Ryan Scruggs presented the project. The following firms were recommended in priority order:

1. Finch & Associates Consulting Group, PLLC (Raleigh, NC)
2. Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (Charlotte, NC)
3. Alfred Benesch & Company (Charlotte, NC)

Rob McClintock motioned to approve and Roger Woods seconded the motion.

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8. INNOVATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

- Michael Shumsky, SCO Director provided an update of the June 16, 2026 Meeting: Solicitation of Interest in the Design Construction Industry
 - Chair Baker Glasgow and Paul Boney: Builders Risk - Establish a North Carolina Master Builders Risk Insurance Program.
- Next scheduled meeting: September 15, 2026

9. OLD BUSINESS

- SBC Merit Awards Update: Michael Shumsky, Director advised he is responsible for providing the number of projects received and awarded in the past five years.
 - Chair Baker Glasgow, Miriam Tripp, Dene' Alexander and Michael Shumsky, Director discussed
 - How to get more design firms to submit and allow additional Time to submit
 - Assess why firms are not submitting for the SBC Merit Awards
 - Dene' Alexander elevated the creation of a new program focused on small businesses, inquired about timeline for development and implementation of same - Chief Dep. Sec. Mark Edwards responded to the question and estimated 4-6 months, talked about hosting listening sessions, HUB members will be helping to develop the framework
 - Considering a subcommittee may be needed – further discussions required.
 - Michael Shumsky will draft a reminder email for projects eligible for nomination for the commission to review/approval.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. STATE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE REPORT

- Annual State Construction Conference is scheduled for March 11, 2027 at the NC State University McKimmon Center
- Michael Shumsky reported his end of the state Fiscal Year 2025-26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) meetings with Secretary Esparza during their 2nd Quarter Divisional Unit Reviews. Shared data from the State Building Commission presentation slide:
 - 56 Selected Design Firms
 - 4 Design-Build Teams
 - 1 Construction Manager at Risk
 - 25 Emergency Declarations
 - 9 State Building Commission Meetings
 - NC Department of Health and Human Services Headquarters Campus (Phase 1) project won the ENR Southeast Regional Best Projects Award for the Government/Public Building category.
- Interscope FY 2025-26 Update:
 - 499 issues resolved
 - 600 emails processed per month received (4,000 subscribers/users)
 - 12 monthly Interscope meetings
 - Account Problem Reports kept under 10 per week for the past 11 months.
- Interscope Improvements and New Features Added:
 - UNC System Office Change Order
 - SCO Design Team Bid Construction Set
 - Community College Gift Reporting
 - Security feature: successful new password requirement with minimum user impact
 - Users account permissions cleanup

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- Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program: The 2026 Appropriations Act, which became law as [Session Law 2026-41](#) on July 7, 2026, eliminated the Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses (“the HUB Office”), repealed HUB-related statutes, and struck references to minority participation in public contracts throughout the North Carolina General Statutes.
 - 20 Contract Bid documents updated - removed all Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) references and bidding goals requirements.
- Chair Baker Glasgow inquired about the HUB Office elimination affects current projects
 - Michael Shumsky will provide the commission an article by Crista Cuccaro, UNC School of Government that provides guidelines dealing with MBE, minority participation or good faith efforts on current projects.
- SCO has nine vacancies: (2) Architects, (1) Structural Engineer, (2) Mechanical Engineers (Design Review), (1) Architect, (1) Engineer III (Consulting Services), (2) Engineering Manager II (Assistant Director for FCAP/CM) and (Assistant Director for Capital Projects Management.)
 - 3 of the SCO vacancies have been eliminated because of the 2026 Appropriations Act.
- Policy and Procedures for SCO Formal Review for Exemption Projects has been added to the SCO webpage
- [2026 Electrical Guidelines and Policies](#) updated
- Interscope Manual update - in progress
- Construction Manual update - in progress
- Vibha Goel, RA, Assistant Director - Design Review Section provided a report with an overview of key activities within the Design Review Section, including submittals received, responses issued, and exemption requests processed and tent permits processed from January 1, 2026 through August 24, 2026.
- The Design Review Comparison Report (2020 - 2026) was presented.

Design Review Monthly Report

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total to date
Submittals Received	140	193	212	194	209	186	170	123					1427
Responses Issued	134	161	208	210	192	186	171	122					1403
Exemption Request processed	12	20	15	17	15	21	24	19					143
Tent Permits Issued	1	0	5	10	3	2	5	2					28

Design Review Comparison Report (2020 - 2026)

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Plans Received	871	862	804	1198	1324	1447	1427
Count of Responses	881	805	794	1161	1329	1412	1406
Sum of Exemption Request Processed	88	100	139	227	188	143	143

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12. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- September 29, 2026
- October 27, 2026
- December 8, 2026

13. ADJOURNMENT

Miriam Tripp motioned to approve and Vice Chair Kristen Hess seconded the motion.

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Chair Baker Glasgow adjourned the meeting at 10:08 am.