



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide Committee will meet on January 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rutledge Building Conference Center. The purpose of the meeting is to consider changes to the South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide.

The agenda item(s) will be made available on the School Facilities' website at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the January 10th meeting. At this time, the following is a summary of key basic Guide changes for the committee meeting:

1. Update Section 108 to: (1) adopt the building code editions as adopted by the SC Building Codes Council (SC BCC) that became effective on 1/1/2023 for all Counties and Municipalities in SC [the newer building codes were adopted by the SC BCC on October 6, 2021, approved by the Legislature (in SC State Register Volume 46-5 Doc. No. 5084) on May 27, 2022, and implemented on January 1, 2023]. Note that the language used in the Guide will include the Emergency Modifications to the SC Plumbing Code (SCPC) & SC Building Code (SCBC) approved by the BCC on November 15, 2022; (2) remove redundant direct adoption of standards already referenced in those building codes; (3) use the correct names of codes, standards, etc.; and, (4) remove reference to the outdated [1982] Governor's Executive Order.
2. Update the Guide to correct all errors in punctuation, formatting, numbering, etc. and improve grammar, where applicable throughout the Guide.
3. Remove outdated change markings from previous Guides.
4. Update the Guide Table of Contents and Division 10 to remove references to Forms that are no longer needed [F1/F2/F2A/F5/F7].
5. Expand Section 102 to include related statutory authority and clarification on overlapping authorities.
6. Added K4 and SC acronyms to Section 103 (Acronyms and Definitions) and the word "kindergarten" to 804.5.
7. Remove outdated reference in Section 104.2.2 to a previously separate document [the South Carolina Minimum Specifications Guide for Relocatable Classrooms] that was previously incorporated into the Guide in Division 9 of the 2014 edition of the Guide.

8. Standardize method of referencing statutes and regulations for consistency in Guide and also with the way it is referenced in the State Engineer's Manual for Planning and Execution of State Permanent Improvements.
9. Update and correct Section 109's Design and Construction Related Permits and Approvals table to match current Statutes & Regulations and use consistent terminology.
10. Remove dead hyperlink in Section 109.5 & outdated sentence in Section 110.5.
11. Correct miss-numbering [the second section 110.4 to 110.6].
12. Add new Section 116 to specifically allow the OSF to utilize new technologies to improve the efficiencies of OSF operations. [School Facilities Portal, virtual inspections, virtual site visits, virtual meetings, etc.].
13. Update Sections 202 and 203 to remove requirement for transmittal form [i.e. Form F7].
14. Update Sections 203 and 204 to add appropriate cross references to related requirements located in other Divisions.
15. Correct Section 206.4 to remove duplicate sentence and renumber remaining items in list.
16. Add reference to School Facilities Portal in Section 206.4.8.
17. Remove reference to the Form F5 [which is no longer needed] by deleting Section 206.6.2.
18. Improve the language in Section 302 to 1) clarify requirements and basis of [statutory] authority, 2) reference the School Facilities Portal, 3) remove references to Forms no longer needed [F2/F2A], and 4) provide more specific requirements for Plats consistent with the terminology of the Standards of Practice Manual for Surveying in South Carolina [Article 4 of Chapter 49 of the SC Code of Regulations].
19. Remove reference in Section 904.1 to the Relocatable Annual Inspection Guide last published in 2012 [and which has not been adopted nor updated since then].

Discussion items do not have to be submitted ahead of time but may be brought up at the meeting. If you are not able to attend but have an item for the agenda, please let me know, in writing, so that we can include it. Please note that copies of comments or requests for additional Guide changes must be submitted in writing to the OSF Director at the meeting or prior to the meeting. Previously submitted code change proposals that do not appear in this version have been deferred to be considered in the next edition [due to time constraints and the need for many proposals to be processed through subcommittee work groups prior to presentation to the full committee]. As you are considering proposed changes to the Guide, please keep in mind the SC Building Codes Council has already adopted and implemented the 2021 International Code Council (ICC) code editions with SC modifications as the minimum code requirements for all counties and municipalities statewide and these building codes have already been incorporated in the SC Code of Regulations. As such, the committee does not have the authority to waive or reduce the minimum requirements detailed in the building codes. There are separate procedures through the SC Building Codes Council and the ICC to propose changes to the minimum requirements of the building codes.

The content changes are presented in the old Guide format for review and approval by the committee; however, after the content changes are approved, OSF staff will transfer the approved content to the updated format of the current SCDE Report Template so it meets current Agency standards for such a publication, as well as meeting Agency accessibility requirements. Additionally, the committee approval date and an implementation date will be indicated on the Guide. The implementation date [i.e. effective date] is intended to be set for April 1st of 2023 to give ample time for OSF to post the final version of the new Guide and its associated updated Forms on the SCDE website in advance of the implementation date and allow OSF staff and customers to be better prepared for the implementation of the new requirements.

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