

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Request from St. Petersburg College for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Building Construction Technology

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.33, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

St. Petersburg College (SPC) submitted a notice of intent followed by a proposal to the Department of Education to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Building Construction Technology. Appropriate notification of intent was provided to the Board of Governors, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Commission for Independent Education, as required in section 1007.33, Florida Statutes.

Graduates of the Building Construction Technology Program would obtain specialized skills and knowledge in coastal construction, sustainability, hurricane specific building codes and regulation, retrofitting, repurposing, renovation of existing properties and green building techniques, project management software, blueprint analysis, and cost estimating. The degree program will prepare graduates for immediate entry into the workforce as skilled construction managers and cost estimators.

Labor market projections indicate a projected demand of 216 annual job openings in SPC's service area. There are currently no other institutions that offer a similar degree program within SPC's service area.

Letters of support were provided by the University of South Florida as well as by Industry partners, including but not limited to, DeAngelis Diamond, DesignBuild, PJ Callaghan Construction, and Smith Fence Company. There were no letters of objection or alternative proposals for the proposed degree program.

An extensive review of criteria was conducted for the proposal submitted, and written comments and recommendations were provided to the college. The final proposal is being submitted to the State Board of Education for consideration.

Supported Documentation Included: St. Petersburg College Proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Building Construction Technology (under separate cover)

Facilitators/Presenters: Chancellor Kathy Hebda, Florida College System, President Tonjua Williams, St. Petersburg College, and guests