

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
September 24, 2007
10:00am
4747 West Napoleon Avenue,
Metairie, Louisiana 70001

Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chair requested a roll call of the members which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. Deshotel; Mr. Guthans; Mr. Hackworth; Ms. Jobe; Mr. Kothe; Mr. Lucky; Mr. Landry; Ms. McKinney; Mr. Noel; Mr. Touchet; Mr. Trosclair; Ms. Weems.

Members Absent: Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Derbigny; Mr. Fabra; Mr. Mayo; Ms. Mire; Mr. Simmons; Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Rickey Fabra has an excused absent.

12 Members present and 7 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to adopt the minutes from the August 14, 2007 LSUCCC meeting and received a second from Ms. Jobe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to conduct the next LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge, La. On October 11, 2007 at 10:00 am at 7979 Independence Blvd, Room 308 and received a second from Mr. Deshotel. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of committee reports. The Chair of the Administrative Advisory Committee, Ms. Prisca Weems, made a brief verbal report. She stated that the committee was continuing to work on the IT Questionnaire and would report to the LSUCCC once that process was complete. No other presentation was offered at this time.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to adopt the proposed By-Law revisions which require a seventy-Two (72) hour confirmation notice by the LSUCCC members prior to all meetings and received a second from Ms. McKinney. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of code non-compliance. After much discussion a **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to authorize the council administrator to investigate non-compliance of a jurisdiction and follow-up the investigation with correspondence to the jurisdiction prior to the completion of the complaint resolution public hearing process and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of private outdoor recreational structures relative to outdoor kitchens. The council administrator informed the LSUCCC that there are some differences between the language in the statute and the language promulgated by the published rule and asked for guidance from the LSUCCC for clarification. After much discussion a **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to refer this issue to the Technical Committee for resolution and recommendation to the LSUCCC and a follow letter to the House and Senate Commerce Committees, and received to a second from Ms. McKinney. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of reconsideration of a LSUCCC authorized letter to the state Division of Administration relative to delays with Aid to Local Government Awards since it appears that the above referenced delays have been expedited. After correspondence with the State Department of Public Safety, the process has improved and the awards are being processed in a timely manner and the aforementioned letter is not necessary at this time. **No action required at this time.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of Local or Parish Administrative procedures relative to exemptions allowed beyond the allowance of the LSUCC. After much discussion a **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to refer this issue to the Administrative Advisory Committee for resolution and recommendation to the LSUCCC and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of requirements for initial employment of a local or parish building official after January 1, 2007. After much discussion the LSUCCC determined that they were not in favor of making any changes to initial employment of a building official after January 1, 2007. **No action required.**

The chair provided an up-date of the status of the review of applications for the FEMA Grant program. The chair stated how the review process was categorized and stated the process was not complete and would continue on October 8, 2007 at 8:00 am at 7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 308 and invited all to attend. **No action required.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of proposed federal changes relative to energy conservation. Mr. Kothe addressed the LSUCCC relative to the proposed changes. After much discussion a **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to authorize the LSUCCC to write a letter to the U.S. House and Senate State Representatives opposing H.R. 6 with the Schumer amendment and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected 12 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

A motion was made by Mr. Lucky to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Deshotel and with no action required; the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

END OF MINUTES