

**Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)**  
**August 14, 2007**  
**10:00AM**  
**1015 Python Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70602**  
**Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Chambers**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Members Absent: Mr. Derbigny; Mr. Mayo; Mr. Simmons; Mr. Sullivan.

15 members present and 4 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Ms Weems to adopt the minutes from the July 10, 2007 meeting and received a second from Mr. Trosclair. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to conduct the September 24, 2007 LSUCCC meeting in the New Orleans area and received a second from Mr. Guthans. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.** .

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to approve the changes to all rules deemed invalid by Act 335 and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of committee assignments. After much discussion the committee assignments are revised as follows:

Aid to Local Government and Grant Review Committee

No Change

Code Enforcement Advisory Committee – Mr. Ray Kothe (Chair) – 4 Members constitute a quorum.

Mr. Ray Kothe; Ms. Denise Jobe; Mr. Steven Hackworth; Mr. Michael Landry; Mr. Chad Deshotel; Ms. Karen McKinney.

Administrative Advisory Committee – Ms. Prisca Weems (Chair) – 2 Members constitute a quorum.

Ms. Prisca Weems; Mr. Randy Lucky; Mr. Wayne Touchet.

Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee – Mr. Tony Guthans (Chair) – 5 Members constitute a quorum.

Mr. Tony Guthans; Ms. Prisca Weems; Ms. Joan Mire; Mr. Todd Trosclair; Ms. Karen McKinney; Mr. Rickey Fabra; Mr. Lavern Bourgeois.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lucky to approve the committee assignments as outlined above and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

The chair opened the floor for discussion of proposed revisions to the scope of work for the 14 million dollar FEMA Grant for development of state geotechnical data. The council administrator introduced the conceptual plan and **no action required** at this time.

The chair opened the floor for discussion relative to code requirements for mobile homes. Mr. Larry Walters, a registered TPP from the audience, explained to the LSUCCC some of the non-complaint issues. Mr. Walters requested written direction for regulations of mobile homes from the LSUCCC. Mr. Walters further stated that there appears to be some conflicting information relative to its application for one and two family dwellings and indicated that the deletion of appendix J from the IRC has defaulted to the IEBC and thus is still applicable to one and two family dwellings. A **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to write a letter to the House and Senate Commerce Committee, LMHA and LMHC stating the LSUCCC position on the statute requirements relative to code enforcement for mobile homes and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The chair requested a vote of the members present, which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Jobe to affirm the requirements of the 2006 IEBC relative to Chapter 12 and write a letter to the House and Senate Commerce Committee and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested vote of members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no, **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to re-affirm the requirements of the 2006 edition of the IEBC relative to application of the IEBC as mandatory for enforcement of one and two family dwellings and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 1 no with the no vote being cast by Mr. Noel and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to change the address of the LSUCCC office location as referenced in Chapter 1 of the published rules more specific to rule 101 and authorize a change of address by rule and received a second from Ms. McKinney. The chair request a vote of members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 0 no with Mr. Trosclair being out of the room at the time of the vote, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to adopt the proposed rule relative the complaint resolution process and received a second from Ms. McKinney. The chair requested a vote from the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

The chair called a recess at 11:43 am and meeting reconvened at 12:00 pm.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to require complaint resolutions to be reviewed by committee with a formal recommendation to the LSUCCC or to be reviewed by the LSUCCC in absence of a quorum at the committee level and received a second from Mr. Landry the chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to adopt the proposed rule for continuing education limits for code officials with one modification to include language to clarify that the CEU's shall be related to the codes as referenced by Act 12 and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 10 yes and 5 no with the no votes being cast by Mr. Hackworth, Ms. Jobe, Mr. Kothe, and Mr. Lucky, and Ms. Weems and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of continuing education units for code officials and TPP's, and after much discussion a motion was made by Mr. Fabra to call for the question and received a second from Mr. Noel and the call for the question received one objection and the chair requested a vote on the objection to the call for the question which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 4 no with the no votes being cast by Mr. Bourgeois, Ms. Jobe, Mr. Noel, Ms. Weems and due to a lack of a 2/3's vote for the objection the discussion was closed and a vote on the **motion** was requested by the chair (see action above).

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weems to approve the proposed IT Questionnaire as revised and release to code officials for return to the LSUCCC and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The chair requested of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to ratify the current Aid to Local Government Committee award of \$1,029,501.45 of the remaining \$1,044,762.04 and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to request an Aid to Local Government award to the Village of Maurice for the remaining funds in the amount of \$15,260.59 and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to write a letter to the State Division of Administration to request an expedited procedure for distribution of the Aid to Local Government awards and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to reallocate Aid to Local Government funds in the amount of \$17,500.00 from the city of Lafayette to the City of Carencro and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to request an Ethics opinion relative to LSUCCC members being employed by state government or elected to state office with a copy to the governor's office and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The chair requested a vote of members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

A presentation was made by Mr. Greg Blount with IBTS to provide a status report to the LSUCCC.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to open the meeting for introduction of other new business and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected 14 yes and 1 no with the no vote being cast by Mr. Deshotel and the **motion was adopted** and the meeting was open for the introduction of other new business.

The chair opened the floor for discussion relative to code officer employment supervision that extends beyond lines of jurisdiction. After much discussion the LSUCCC, discourages this process. **No action required.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Touchet and the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

END OF MINUTES