

Technical Codes and Advisory Committee

March 29th, 2022

10:00 AM

**8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Ms. Jackie Dadakis (Chair), Mr. Chester Cabirac, Mr. Eric Parnell, Mr. Jake Causey, Mr. Roy Young (Acting – EO), Mr. Marty Campbell, Mr. Scott Masterson, Mr. Bobby Byrd, Mr. Gerard Rinchuso

Members Absent: Mr. Stephen Laughlin, LDH Representative

Excused absence: Mr. Stephen Laughlin, LDH Representative

9 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

There was No Old Business Presented or Discussed.

The Chair, Ms. Dadakis spoke to the committee and those in attendance about the information that was going to be presented. She asked that everyone be respectful to each other and to follow the meeting protocol for the presentations. The committee will have a time to ask questions after each presentation. There would be a time for the audience to speak to the committee after all the presentation are presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and presentations on ASCE 24-14 “Elevation and Freeboard

A **motion was made** by Mr. Eric Parnell to postpone vote on the matter until a later meeting so that the information provided could be thoroughly reviewed by the committee members. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Scott Masterson. There were **no objections to the motion**. The **Motion Passed**.

A List of presenters was provided on a sign in table and to the committee members of those individuals and organizations that wished to speak on the topic. Presenters were encouraged to sign up early and provide their presentations for the committee members to look through prior to the meeting.

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There were several individuals that requested to speak, ask questions and present comments from the audience concerning the presentations and they also were requested to sign up so they could be called on for their time to speak.

At complete list of those individuals and their organizations are as follows:

Mark Roberts, Sr. Regional Manager - ICC

Carol Friedland, Director of La House Resource Center, LSU

Randy Noel spoke on behalf of keeping the freeboard and elevation on the local level vs. on a statewide level

Allison DeJong, AICP The Water Institute

Brian Clement, speaking on behalf of The Louisiana Home Builders Association

Gary O'Neal and Cathy Parker, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Technical Assistance Program

Bob Austin, Land Developer and Builder from the Lafayette Area

Shandy Ogea Heil, CFM - Building Science Consultant

Nathan Lott - Policy Research Director Advocacy Coordinator – Prevention Resource Center

The Chair, Ms. Dadakis read into the record a letter sent to the committee from Mr. John Gallagher, Executive Director – Louisiana Municipal Association

Jeffrey Giering, CFM, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, La Governor's – OHEP

Roderick Scott Board Chairman - Flood Mitigation Industry Association

Ms. Tammy Luke – President, BOAL (Building Officials Association of Louisiana speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors

Michelle Gonzales, Director – Ecosystem and Coastal Management (Not present at time of meeting)

Letter read by **Mr. Gary O'Neal – Board Member** - Louisiana Floodplain Management Association

Norman Morris, Louisiana Realtor's Association

Lindsey Cooper Policy Advisor – Presented and read letter from the Governor's Office of Louisiana

Those requesting to speak or offer comment:

Mr. Rick Foster, Building Official City of Denham Springs

Ms. Patricia McArthur HM Branch Director FEMA

Allison Heartling, Planning Policy Research – The Water Institute

Cindy O'Neal, NFIP – LANID

Darla Duet, Lafourche Parish Gov't Floodplain Manger, Lafourche Parish Government

Manny Parotin, Senior Engineer – FEMA Consultant

Matt Johns, Planner – Rapides Area Planning Commission

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Alison Bates, CRPC E3 Fellow – Capital Region Planning Corporation
Ben Pylant, Engineer – FEMA Consultant

The Chair, Ms. Dadakis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She appreciated their patience and understanding as everyone made their presentations and gave public comments.

The Chair, Ms. Dadakis, suggested having an “open dialog discussion only” meeting with the members of the Technical Committee via Zoom prior to the next in person public meeting. The meeting will be announced at a later date. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss all the information presented. This would be announced in advance so the public could attend the zoom meeting.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. **The motion was made by Jake Causey and seconded by Scott Masterson.** There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM

END OF MINUTES