

**Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council**  
November 20th, 2019  
**10:30 A.M.**  
**7979 Independence Blvd, RM 308**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:39 am**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Mezzic; Mr. Cabirac; Mr. Causey; Ms. Dadakis, Mr. Young; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Heier; Mr. Bridges; Mr. Kramer; Ms. Meneandez; Mr. Raimer; Mr. Rinchuso

Members Absent: Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Miller; Ms. Peers; Ms. Stefan; Mr. Thibodeaux

Excused absence: Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Miller; Ms. Peers; Ms. Stefan; Mr. Thibodeaux

11 members present and 9 members absent constitute a Quorum.

**OLD BUSINESS;**

**1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting:**

**A motion was made** by Mr. Young to adopt the minutes from the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting and **received a second** from Mr. Cabirac. There were **no objections or discussion to the motion**. The **motion approved**.

**2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBD:**

The next regular LSUCCC meeting is set to be determined at a later date (TBD). Mr. Joiner stated that if all agenda items were covered in the November meeting he did not foresee any new items coming up prior to January; therefore, the next meeting would tentatively be in January, 2020. The meeting will be held at the State Fire Marshal's Office 8181 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA. Mr. Raimer, The Chair, asked if there were any objections. There were no objections noted. No motion was officially made.

**3. Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee Reports. (Jerry Hebert)**

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for the Technical Codes Study and Advisory committee report from Mr. Hebert. Mr. Joiner presented the report for Mr. Hebert in his absence. There were no items to address so that concluded the Technical Committee report.

**4. Legislation Advisory Committee report. (David Thibodeaux)**

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for Legislation Advisory Committee report from Ms. Dadakis. Mr. Joiner presented the report for Ms. Dadakis in her absence. There were no items or concerns to address so that concluded the Legislation Advisory Committee report.

**5. Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report. (David Thibodeaux)**

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report by Mr. Thibodeaux. Mr. Joiner presented the report for Mr. Thibodeaux in his absence. There has been a formal complaint issued to the committee to look into concerns of an inspector doing inspections without proper certifications.

**6. Travel reimbursement forms. (Johanna Gonzales)**

Ms. Gonzales briefly spoke to the council of new procedures that have been established by the Office of Finance in order to receive travel reimbursements for meetings. A packet has been put together with instructions and necessary forms that will need to be provided to the Finance Department in order to set up a temporary employee number for members so that the reimbursements can be entered and paid through their new computer program system.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion on LDH request for an emergency rule amendment to Louisiana amendment IPC Section 422.11 Handwashing facilities (Linden Raimer/Mark Joiner)**

Mr. Joiner opened the discussion stating that he had received a request for a variance to an amendment voted on and approved by the LSUCCC. The request was concerning being able to use hand sanitizers in doctor office rooms where there would be consultation only, non-body fluid examination areas, etc. instead of the required hand washing sink.

Mr. Joiner noted that the LSUCCC did not have the right to issue variances. Dr. Guidry, State Health Officer/Louisiana Department of Health Medical Director, issued a letter of intent to address the request. A copy of the letter was provided to council members (See Attached letter to minutes)

The letter of intent was applicable only to the LSUCCC to accept an exception that would allow hand sanitizers to be used in lieu of the required hand washing sink in certain areas and under certain conditions in Doctors' offices and Exam areas. LDH requested it be considered as an emergency rule amendment by the council.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Young to accept the exception as written by Dr. Guidry and LDH concerning the usage of hand sanitizers in certain conditions as they pertain to Doctor and Examination rooms, in lieu of a handwashing sink. This was requested to be an emergency rule by Dr. Guidry. The **motion was seconded** by Jake Causey. The Chair, Mr. Raimer, asked if there was any discussion or objections. There was no discussion or objections. The motion was approved.

**2. Discussion on method for estimating demand load for the building water supply in single and multi-family dwellings with water-conserving fixtures, fixture fittings and appliances (Linden Raimer)**

Mr. Raimer, The Chair, noted that there was a document provided to the Council members for reference. (See attached to the minutes)

A **motion was made** by Mr. Cabirac to accept the Appendix M IAPMO Handout to be added into the Louisiana amendments. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Young. The Chair, Mr. Raimer, asked if there were any discussion or objection, there were none. The **motion was approved**.

**3. Discussion on ASRAE D 86611 and ASHRAE D 86815 RELATING TO Legionellosis. (Linden Raimer)**

An Initial Motion was made by Mr. Heier but then withdrawn. It was suggested that the issue be moved to the Technical Committee for their consideration and research in order to bring back to the LSUCCC. The council agreed to move the issue to the Technical Committee.

**4. Discussion on use of plastic pipe for flue gas venting as addressed in the 2015 IFGC and IPC. (Linden Raimer)**

Mr. Raimer opened the floor for discussion. The main concern expressed to the council was that piping used for flue gas venting needs to be UL tested, there are only certain PVC types that can be used and are tested for flue gas venting that meet the UL 1738 Standards. There were several groups who spoke in front of the council expressing concerns and suggestions to clarify what plastic piping is allowed or not allowed to be used for flue gas venting. The manufacturer needs to provide a data sheet that states that their product can be used and has been properly tested for use in venting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Heier to move the issue concerning proper usage of piping as it attains to flue gas piping and UL 1738 standards to the Technical Committee for further consideration and discussion. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Cabirac. Motion was withdrawn after discussion.

Mr. Wich spoke to the council stating that piping is constantly being tested by manufacturers. Mr. Blake Steiner, CBO Rapides Area Planning Commission noted that the 2015 International Fuel Gas Code, that is currently adopted in the State of Louisiana, does reference UL 1738 and Section 502.1 (IFGC) so it is properly adopted in Louisiana. Mr. Joiner stated it may be more of an educational issue which may need to be provided to the industry about using proper piping for flue gas venting.

**5. Discussion on tentative 2020 Dates for the LSUCCC Meetings. (Linden Raimer/Mark Joiner)**

Mr. Joiner stated there was a document provided to the members that listed the tentative dates for LSUCCC Meetings for the Year of 2020. (See attached to the minutes)

A **motion was made** by Mr. Dhume to accept the dates provided by Mr. Joiner for LSUCCC meetings in 2020. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Young. The Chair, Mr. Raimer, asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Raimer asked if there were any objections. There were no objections. The **motion was approved**.

**6. Update on status of proposed amendments currently submitted to the Register. (Mark Joiner)**

Mr. Joiner noted that there were three letters received and all were concerning spray foam. One addressed the spray foam certificate that was to be added. There were also a few punctuation marks that were missing that had been corrected to provide proper intent and meaning of verbiage to a few sentences. The oversight committee is to meet the Friday after this meeting. There has not been a request for a public meeting at this time. If there is no public hearing called by the oversight committee then all amendments that have been submitted to the Register will be effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**7. Update on training classes for the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (Mark Joiner)**

Mr. Joiner stated that training classes were being set up that would be held after the first of the year. These classes would include the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and also UL will be instructing the classes for the 2017 NEC, since the 2017 code is set to be adopted next in the state.

Mr. Joiner also addressed the upcoming code review that will be taking place in 2020 and the SOP's that govern the review process. There will be an application form provided to those who wish to serve on the committees. The review committees are comprised of 5 members of the public and 5 members of the council.

With no other items on the agenda a motion was made by Mr. Causey to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

END OF MINUTES