

**Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)**  
December 12th, 2017  
**8181 Independence Blvd**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 11:19 AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Brown; Mr. Byrd; Mr. Causey; Mr. Courouleau; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Miller; Ms. Peers; Mr. Robinson; Ms. Stefan; Mr. David Thibodeaux; Mr. Rinchuso

Members Absent: Mr. Cabirac, Mr. Campbell; Mr. Harris; Mr. Heier; Mr. Miller; Mr. David Robinson; Mr. Raimer

Excused absence: Mr. Cabirac, Mr. Campbell; Mr. Harris; Mr. Heier; Mr. Hebert; Mr. David Robinson; Mr. Raimer

14 members present and 6 members absent constitute a Quorum.

**A motion was made** by Mr. Dhume to adopt the minutes from the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. **The motion received a second** from Mr. Courouleau. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were no objections and the **motion was approved**.

**A motion was made** by Mr. Cououleau to set the next LSUCCC meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 AM Location: Office of State Fire Marshal 8181 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Thibodeaux. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion was approved**.

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

Mr. Dhume presented a short report to the council on items that were discussed during the Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee Meeting. Those items that have been discussed will be presented to the council in the form of a motion for them to vote on later in the meeting.

**Legislation Advisory Committee Report (Jackie Dadakis)**

There is no report at this time.

**Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Report (David Thibodeaux)**

The Sub-Committee met prior to the LSUCCC meeting. Two items that were discussed were streamlining renewals for certification and allowing inspectors that are certified in certain disciplines to be able to do plan reviews for that discipline.

**New Business:**

**1. Discussion of proposed amendments and report submitted by the Technical Committee. (Bobby Byrd)**

Mr. Dhume Mr. Joiner and Mr. Byrd presented the original draft of the motions presented for consideration to the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee.

Mr. Joiner noted that the first item was concerning Kitchen Hoods. Mr. Rick Kensil is providing a class on Kitchen Hood's after the LSUCCC meeting. The other item discussed was the proposed amendments from the Spray Foam Committee.

A packet was presented to the Council with the original proposed amendments and then a copy of the Technical Committee minutes with the actual motion that were voted on by the Technical Committee.

Mr. Byrd read each motion to the Council and those in attendance, as it was presented for vote to the Technical Committee, any changes that were made to the amendment by the Technical Committee and the motion that was voted on by the Technical Committee.

Motion 1:

Proposed Amendment-Add N1102.4.6

**Add Section N1102.4.6 Rooms containing fuel-burning appliances.**

Where open combustion air ducts provide combustion air to open combustion fuel burning appliances, the appliances and combustion air openings shall be located outside the thermal envelope or enclosed in a room, isolated from inside the thermal envelope. Such rooms shall be sealed and insulated in accordance with the envelope requirements of N1102.1 (different from R402.12) where the walls, floors, and ceilings shall meet not less than the basement wall R-value requirement. The door into the room shall be fully gasketed and any water lines and ducts in the room insulated in accordance with Section N1103 (different than Section 403). The combustion air duct shall be insulated where it passes through conditioned space to a minimum of R-6.

Exceptions:

1. Direct vent appliances with both intake and exhaust pipes installed continuous to the outside.
2. Fireplaces and stoves complying with Section R1006 of the *International Residential Code*.

**Technical Advisory Committee:** A **motion was made** by Chester Cabirac to adopt the Technical Advisory's Sub Committees Motion 1 adding IRC Section N1102.4.6. The **motion was seconded** by Jake Causey. There were no objections to the motion. The **motion was approved**

**LSUCCC:** A **motion was made** Mr. Hebert to accept Motion 1 as approved by the Technical Committee. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Causey. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. After discussion the Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion, there were no objections and the **motion passed**.

#### **Motion 2** May 16, 2017

**Technical Committee:** A **motion was made** Mr. Bobby Byrd to accept Motion 2 with the added wording "vented to the outside" and "after installation" as noted above. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Bren Kramer. There were no objections and the **motion was approved**

**LSUCCC:** A **motion was made** by Mr. Hebert to accept Motion 2 as approved by the Technical Committee. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Thibodeaux. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. During the discussion there was an amendment to the motion by Mr. Hebert to strikeout the words "spray foam" The Chair asked if there were any objections to the amended motion. There were no objections and the **motion was approved**

#### **Motion 3** May 16, 2017

**Technical Committee:** A **motion was made by Mr. Chester Cabirac to accept Motion 3 as it is written** - "If Spray Foam insulation is utilized in the thermal design of the building a blower door test shall be required." **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Causey. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Jay Saldana, Isynene, and others in audience spoke in front of the Committee. Mr. Parks also spoke concerning the motion and stated the specifics on why the blower door test is required. The check list was removed when spray foam was removed. After a lengthy discussion between those present, The Chair called the question to move the motion to a vote.

A motion was made to accept "the call to question" by Mr. Causey. A roll call vote was taken of the members present, the vote reflected 8 yes, 0 no. The question was called.

The Motion to accept Motion 3 from the Technical Codes Advisory Committee was then moved to a roll call vote. The vote reflected 7 Yes, 1 No. The motion passed.

**LSUCCC:** A **motion was made** Mr. Hebert to accept Motion 3 as approved by the Technical Committee. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Thibodeaux. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. During the discussion it was decided that the motion needed to return to the Technical Committee for more research and insight.

#### **Original Motion 4** September 20, 2017

When spray applied foam plastic insulation is used as a continuous roof line thermal barrier:

- (a) Proper sizing or modification of the HVAC system to the current **code** is required.
- (b) Any insulation between the sealed, conditioned attic space and the living space must be removed.
- (c) There shall be no outside attic ventilation and all openings must be blocked with rigid material and are sealed, in accordance with the ICC IRC Chapter 8 “Roof-Ceiling Construction”
- (d) Exception: The space under appliances located in a sealed, conditioned attic may remain in place if sealed from the attic space. It is less than 10% of the total conditioned attic floor, and the appliances are approved for use in a sealed attic.

**Technical Committee:** A motion was made by Mr. Bobby Byrd to accept Motion 4 with the following change to the first sentence, “**When the thermal covering at the roof line creates an unvented attic:**” and then add **A through D**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Courouleau. There were no objections and the **motion was approved**

**LSUCCC:** A motion was made Mr. Hebert to accept Motion 4 as approved by the Technical Committee. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Thibodeaux. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair called for a vote. There were no objections to the motions and the motion was approved.

#### **Motion 5**

**Technical Committee:** A motion was made by Mr. Jake Causey to accept Motion 5 with the correction of grammar of the word “**Manufacture’s**” noted on the certificate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bobby Byrd. There were no objections and the **motion was approved**

**LSUCCC:** A motion was made by Mr. Hebert to accept Motion 5 as approved by the Technical Committee with the changes to the grammatical error “**Manufacturer’s**” (add another r to the word Manufacture). The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Thibodeaux. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. After the discussion The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion, there were no objections. The **motion was approved.**

#### **Motion 6**

**Technical Codes Committee:** A motion was made Mr. Bobby Byrd to defer this motion to legal counsel and the LSUCCC for advisement of whether the committee or council had the jurisdiction to address the approval of the third party evaluation reports. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Courouleau. There were no objections to moving this to legal counsel and LSUCCC for advisement. The **motion was approved**

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There was a discussion that the MSDS sheets should also be provided with the evaluation reports. Also the individual who prepares the report should identify their third party name.

**LSUCCC: A motion was made** by Mr. Hebert to accept Motion #6 adding Third Party Evaluation Report and the name of the third party. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Causey. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion passed.**

### **Motion 7**

Raised floor construction: **N1102.2.6 Floors.** Subfloor insulation shall provide or be installed in permanent contact with a rigid air barrier material. If the building is cooled with air conditioning, any vented crawl space shall be insulated with an airtight, class II vapor retarder insulation system (perm < 1.0).

Exception:

- ~~Historic Restorations~~
- Plastic Spray Foam cannot be applied to finish flooring where no subfloor exists.

**Technical Committee: A motion was made** by Mr. Chester Cabirac to accept Motion #7 as is. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Bobby Byrd. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion passed.**

**LSUCCC: A motion was made** by Mr. Hebert to accept Motion 7 as brought forth by the technical committee with the exception to remove the Exception: Historic Restorations. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Causey. There was a discussion on the motion. The Chair asked if there were any objections. There were no objections and the **motion passed.**

## **2. Discussion on final adoption of the proposed codes and amendments, in the Notice of Intent, published January 20, 2017 in the Register. (Mark Joiner/Ron Crouch)**

Mr. Joiner stated that there was a chance the Governor would modify the executive order before the January 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 deadline. If that is the case, and given the fact that the Council's next meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup>, he needs a motion to adopt the proposed codes and amendments as written in the Notice of Intent as of January 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. Mr. Zachary Smith, CBO New Orleans, spoke to the Council requested to please vote for the motion to adopt the new codes as published in the Notice of Intent. This new codes are important to his jurisdiction and the flexibility. Mr. Chad Ross, FEMA, spoke to the Council. Ms. Heil spoke to the Council as well.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Courouleau to hereby move to adopt the codes as published in the January 20, 2017 Register if and/or when the Governor resends Order #JB-17-14. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Brown. The Chair asked if there were any objections there were objections. The Chair asked for a roll call vote. The vote reflected a vote of 7 yes 1 no. The motion passed.

With no other items on the agenda the Chair requested a motion to adjourn by Mr. Causey. There was a second to the motion by Mr. Courouleau. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM

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