

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
January 24th, 2018
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 14th, 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 February 20th, 2018 at 11:00 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)

The Next Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee Meeting will be at 9 AM 2/20/2018. Mr. Roberts noted that the Appendix that was being referred to, concerning Tiny Houses, was located online at the ICC Website. The Appendix covers headroom, area square footage, and other areas the Appendix is free to view on line ICCSafe.org Public Access Tab per Mr. Mark Roberts and Mr. Mark Joiner. The Chair stated that if anyone had any questions or concerns about Air Changes, Tiny Houses, Plumbing Code, or Thermal Envelope they were welcome to attend the meeting as they began to discuss these items.

Legislation Advisory Committee Report (Jackie Dadakis)

There is no report at this time.

Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Report (David Thibodeaux)

The Committee will meet on February 20, 2018 11:00 AM. Items that need to be addressed will be discussed during the New Business time of the LSUCCC meeting.

New Business:

1. Presentation “Child Drowning Fatalities: Louisiana 2014-2016” (Jane Herwehe, MPH of the Bureau of Family Health of the Louisiana Office of Public Health)

The Chair introduced Ms. Herwehe who made a presentation to the Council and those in attendance concerning Child Drown Fatalities. Ms Herwehe’s presentation included IRC Appendix G. 2012 was adopted with an amendment that would allow the local jurisdiction to amend their fence requirements. In the 2015 those requirements and amendments were removed. The 2015 Section 326 requires that all residential pools and spas will be built to the requirement of the International Pool and Spa Code. This code was not reviewed by the Technical Committee or a Sub Committee. Mr. Bryd noted that this was reviewed by a subcommittee in the past. The State is under the 2015 International Pool and Spa code according to Appendix G. Mr. Brown noted that only the local opt out was removed. As of February 1st the 2015 International Pool and Spa code will be in effect to address the concerns for the safety of the pool and spa areas. The local jurisdiction will have the option to change the fence height and other features to meet their local requirements.

2. Discussion of proposed change to registration process changing renewals to BCEO’s with Last Name. A-M renew in December, N-Z renew in January, Third Party Providers and Wind Mitigation Surveyors renew in July. (Mark Joiner/David Thibodeaux)

Mr. Joiner spoke to the committee concerning issues that have been discovered during the registration process. Mr. Joiner prosed that the renewal process be changed from the anniversary date to changing they renewal date to a December, January, (BCEO’s by Alphabetical Letters) or July (3rd Party and Wind Mitigation)

A **motion was made** by Mr. Courouleau to adopt the changes to the Rules in order to provide for the new renewal dates. The **motion received a second** from Mr. Campbell. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were no objections and the **motion was approved**.

3. Discussion on allowing inspectors certified in a specialty to review plans for that specialty without being required to possess a plan review certification for that specialty. (Mark Joiner/David Thibodeaux)

Mr. Joiner opened up the discussion on the item by stating that in order to help the jurisdictions in some of their plan review needs there has been discussion on allowing inspectors that are certified in a specialty to review plans for their jurisdiction in that specialty. This would help provide for needed help with reviews and assist in review plans in a timelier manner. There are Specialty Classifications and General Classifications were added to the certifications by the LSUCCC. Each specialty classification has a plan review section in the certification test. The council recommended to send the issue to the CEA committee for further discussion and review.

4. Discussion on final rule adopting the proposed codes and amendments, published January 20, 2018 in the Register. (Mark Joiner/Ron Crouch)

Mr. Joiner thanked Melinda Long for all of her help with the work she did on the amendments. She is an extremely important person during the process of writing the amendments for the Register. There has been some question on how this will go into effect. The concern that was brought up was for projects that are currently in review and how these projects will be affected by the adoption of the new 2015 codes. The date of permit, if the project is in the process but permitted and other wording is the main concern such as application date. Whatever date the project is submitted to the Office of State Fire Marshal or submitted to the local jurisdiction shall govern which code edition it will be reviewed and permitted for.

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

END OF MINUTES