

**Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)**  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**10:00 AM**  
**8181 Independence Blvd**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. J. Barry; Mr. W. Barry; Mr. Boudreaux; Ms. Benjamin; Mr. Brown; Mr. B. Byrd; Mr. Courouleau; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Gadberry; Mr. Hoffman; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Metcalf; Mr. Price; Mr. Robinson; Mr. Thibodeaux

Members Absent: Mr. Hebert; Mr. Landry; Mr. Naquin; Mr. Stevens; Mr. Wallace

Excused absence: Mr. Hebert; Mr. Landry; Mr. Naquin; Mr. Stevens; Mr. Wallace

15 members present and 5 members absent constitute a Quorum.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the newest member to the Council, Mr. Caryn Benjamin. She will be taking in place of Mr. Causey and will be the representative for DHH.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion to add an item to the agenda. The request was to add Item #4 to the agenda – To discuss that the ICC is no longer giving the Louisiana State Plumbing Code Test.

A **motion** was made by Mr. W. Barry to add ICC to the agenda. The **motion received a second** from Mr. Metcalf. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 I's, 0 Nays; the **motion was adopted by unanimous vote.**

The Chair opened the floor for discussion to add item #5 to the agenda that the LSUCCC will go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

A **motion** was made by Mr. B. Byrd to add the Executive Session for the LSUCCC to the agenda. The **motion received a second** from Mr. Dhume. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 I's, 0 Nays; the **motion was adopted by unanimous vote.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Byrd to adopt the minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015, LSUCCC meeting and it **received a second** from Mr. J. Barry. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no, the **motion was adopted.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Courouleau to conduct the next regular LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge, LA at the Office of State Fire Marshal, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Dhume. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 16 yes and 0 no, the **motion was adopted.**

The Chair opened the floor for the Technical Codes Study and Advisory committee report by Mr. Boudreaux. Mr. Boudreaux reported that the Technical Committee met prior to the LSUCCC meeting concerning the review and discussion of recommendations of the 2014 NEC Advisory Committee. A motion was made to table the discussion until a later date. That concluded the report for the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee.

Mr. Hoffman discussed adding the home rating reports to the council discussion. After discussion of members of the council it was decided that this item will be discussed under Item # 2 of New Business.

The Chair opened the floor for the Legislative Advisory Committee report from Mr. Bobby Byrd. Mr. Byrd stated that the committee has not met. That concluded the report for the Legislative Advisory Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Report from Mr. Mike Metcalf. Mr. Metcalf gave an update on a current item and that there may be a need for an August meeting. Mr. Joiner noted that there is an issue with the City of Patterson and there will need to be a meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to discuss the matter. That concluded the report for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee.

### **New Business:**

**Review and discussion on adoption of the 2014 NEC Advisory Committee.** The advisory committee recommended that the council adopt the 2014 NEC as is, with the exception for the Sections that address GFCI's and AFCI's Circuits. Since it does not have to be adopted right away and the Legislature has given a 5 year extension, a motion was made to table the item until such time as all of the I-Codes could be addressed. This would allow all of the codes and amendments to be adopted at the same time. Mr. Boudreaux requested that the motion be added to the minutes of the LSUCCC. Mr. Joiner stated the motion made by Mr. Foy Gadberry:

**The motion by Mr. Foy Gadberry to table the adoption of the 2014 NEC until a later date in order to coincide with the adoption of the other I-Codes.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Boudreaux that the language of this motion be incorporate into Item #1 under New Business. Mr. B. Byrd **seconded the motion**. The Chair asked for any objections to the motion. There were no objections, and the **motion was approved**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hoffman to accept the Technical Committees report. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Metcalf. The Chair asked for any objections to the motion. There were no objections, and the **motion was approved**.

**Review and discussion on rules concerning who is “approved” to do the Visual Air Barrier & Insulation inspections in Louisiana.**

The Chair opened the floor for discussion on rules concerning who is approved to do the Visual Air Barrier & Insulation inspections in Louisiana. Ms. Shirley and Mr. Wich spoke to the council concerning this issue. Mr. Wich noted that this discussion was only to “who is approved” to do those inspections not concerning the HERS Ratings. The Chair questioned if the request was to send this concern to the Technical Committee for discussion and review. The Technical Committee will then report the recommendations back to the LSUCCC. The Chair noted that in order for the HERS Rating to be discussed further a motion would need to be made and a unanimous voted made by the Council.

A **motion** was made by Mr. B. Byrd to add discussion of the HERS Rating to the agenda (Item #2a). The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Metcalf. The Chair asked for any objections to the motion. There were no objections, and **the motion was approved**.

Mr. Joiner stated questions that have been some jurisdictions are asking if the energy raters can do the blower door testing, submit their reports, and they accept them. Some jurisdictions are not accepting the Entergy Raters reports because there is a question of whether or not the Energy Raters are a true 3<sup>rd</sup> Party inspection source that can do both the visual and the blower door testing and their reports be accepted by the jurisdictions. Mr. Metcalf spoke on the subject to the council and its concern with the envelope side of the issue. Ms. Claudia Rickel also spoke to the council about the BPI training and the training that they provide and the components of the training including the testing of those who take the course through them. BPI and Southface training does not include the Visual Testing, it is just for Blower Door Testing. Discussion continued to when the testing should be done – at the mechanical rough-in or at the final stage. Several noted that the testing time should be handled on the local jurisdiction and when they see it best for their local area. Mr. Hoffman noted that during earlier discussion did not specify a time of when the testing was to be done but that the certification would come from the manufacture of the equipment. The Blower Door Test was acceptable to be tested either way but many local jurisdictions are only accepting the blower door test and not the visual test. Discussion continued on the two separate issues in front of the council.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf that any person that performs visual inspections for envelope tightness on residential shall be a registered jurisdictional inspector or a registered third party provider. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Barry. The Chair asked for any objections to the motion. There were no objections, and the **motion was approved**.

**Discussion on the upcoming schedule/timeline for reviewing the DHH proposed amendments to the 2012 IPC.** Mr. Joiner discussed time frames for meetings in order to address and review the proposed amendments that will be provided by Dr. Guidry and DHH concerning the 2012 IPC. After a discussion August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was the date the Council choose to conduct the next meeting and that it would be a full day meeting, starting at 9:00 a.m.

**ICC No Longer providing the Louisiana Plumbing Test:**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf to inform the ICC that they do not have to provide the Louisiana Plumbing Test starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Hoffman. The Chair asked for any objections to the motion. There were no objections, and **the motion was approved.**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to move adjourn to an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metcalf. There were no objections, and the motion was approved.

The Council moved to Executive Session at 11:53. The Council reconvened at 12:12.

With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business a motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Metcalf to adjourn, with no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

END OF MINUTES