

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council
November 12th, 2024
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, Mr. Roy Young, requested a roll call of the members which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. B. Byrd; Ms. T. Byrd; Mr. Marty Campbell; Mr. Jake Causey; Mr. Keenan Glover; Mr. Henry Heier; Mr. Scott Masterson; Mr. Eric Parnell; Mr. Billy McShan; Mr. Gerald Rinchuso; Mr. Roy Young (Chair); Mr. Charles Visser; Mr. Dennis Miller; Mr. Rodney Wallis

Members Absent: Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Carlos Giron; Ms. Jamie Peers; Mr. Butch Browning Jr.; Mr. Matt Wood; Mr. Stephen Laughlin

Excused absence: Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Carlos Giron; Ms. Jamie Peers; Mr. Butch Browning Jr.; Mr. Matt Wood; Mr. Stephen Laughlin

A total of 14 members present, 6 members absent constitute a Quorum.

The Chair, Mr. Roy Young, opened the meeting welcoming everyone. Mr. Young introduced Mr. Jim Raines, Interim Attorney, to the code council members present. Mr. Raines introduced himself to the council members.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the August 13th, 2024, meeting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Bobby Byrd to accept the minutes from the August 13th, 2024, meeting as written. Mr. Dennis Miller **seconded the motion**. There were no objections to the motion and **the minutes were accepted as presented**.

2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBA.

The Chair, Mr. Roy Young, stated that there were no items that would need to be discussed or any pending items for the December meeting so the meeting would be postponed to the January date. Next meeting is tentatively set for January 7th, 2025.

3. Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee Report (Jackie Dadakis)

Mr. Young, The Chair, asked Mr. Bobby Byrd to inform the code council members of the recommendation from the Fortified Taskforce. Fortified is likely to make some changes to their program. Those changes would bring them closer to the building codes that are currently in effect in Louisiana. Mr. Byrd then stated that the recommendation of the task force was not take any action at this time and give the Fortified group time to make their changes. Then the task force could take another look at the building practices and see how they match up to the building codes that are in effect in Louisiana.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update council on the new Administrator and Legal Counsel that will be assigned by the Fire Marshal to the UCCC. (Roy Young)

The interim legal counsel has already been introduced. There is no update on the naming of a new Administrator.

2. Discussion and update on the Fortified Task force recommendations. (Roy Young)

The Chair asked for a motion to take into consideration and move the recommendation of the Fortified Task force. The recommendation was to Take No Action at this time pending upcoming changes by the Fortified group.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Fortified Task force to “Take No Action” at this time. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion and no objections to the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discussion of LSUCCC registrations. (Roy Young)

The Chair, Mr. Young, updated the code council members of pending discussion on ways to protect and enforce the registrations that are overseen by the LSUCCC.

4. Update on Louisiana Energy Code Grant classes for the 2021 IECC with Louisiana Amendments. (Johanna Eddlemon)

Ms. Eddlemon updated the code council members of the class dates for the Residential side of the 2021 IECC Essential classes with the Louisiana Amendments. She also updated those in attendance on the upcoming Commercial classes for February for the 2021 IECC.

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Mr. Roy Young, The Chair, thanked Chief Cooper for all her assistance as the code council proceeds through the interim period between Administrators. Deputy Assistant Secretary Chief Cooper introduced herself to the code council.

5. Update the council on the HB291 Fire Protection and Uniform Construction Code Task Force meetings that have been held (Roy Young)

Mr. Roy Young, the Chair, updated the council members on the progress of the task force. There hasn't been another meeting since the September meeting. No definitive action has been recommended by the task force at this time.

6. Comments from LSUCCC Chairman and LSUCCC Administrator.

Mr. Young, the Chair asked if there was any more business of the council. Ms. Eddlemon asked to be able to thank those in attendance and code council members for all their patience through the transitional period. The request was granted.

With no other items on the agenda or discussion, **Mr. Jake Causey made a motion** to adjourn. Mr. Scott Matterson **seconded the motion**. The meeting adjourned 11:10 am.

END OF MINUTES