

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
February 7th, 2017
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Boudreaux; Mr. Byrd; Mr. Causey; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Cabirac; Mr. Courouleau; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Gadberry; Mr. Harris; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Landry; Mr. Metcalf; Mr. Naquin; Mr. John Stevens; Mr. David Thibodeaux; Mr. Scott Wallace

Members Absent: Mr. Brown; Mr. Robinson

Excused absence: Mr. Brown; Mr. Robinson

18 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced the new member Mr. Cabirac to the council.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Metcalf to adopt the minutes from the December 13th, 2016 meeting. The **motion received a second** from Mr. Bholu Dhume. 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. Courouleau to have the next meeting of the LSUCCC on March 14th, 2017. The location will be at the State Fire Marshal's Office 8181 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA at 10:00 am. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Wallace. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion, there were no objections and the **motion was approved.**

Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee Reports (Steve Boudreaux)

The Spray Foam Committee has been seated. The next meeting will be held after the current council meeting. Mr. Boudreaux turned the floor over Mr. Bobby Byrd who updated the council on the first meeting of the Spray Foam Committee. Mr. Byrd stated he had created a list of concerns and items that the committee stated they wanted to cover during their meetings. Mr. Byrd informed the council, and the audience present, that Ms. Claudette Hank Reichel (LSU AG Center-LA House) would be making a presentation on Spray Foam during the meeting, if they would like to stay after the council meeting.

Legislation Advisory Committee Report (Bobby Byrd)

The committee has not met recently. There was no report at this time.

Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Report (Foy Gadberry)

The committee was planning on meeting in March. Mr. Gadberry stated that the Chair may wish to assign a new Committee Chair in the event that Mr. Gadberry receives his term letter before the next meeting. Mr. Gadberry has served his full 8 year term. There was no other report at this time.

New Business:

Mr. Joiner gave an update on the adoption of the codes. The comment period closed on February 10th, 2017. There is a public hearing scheduled March 1st, 2017 for those that wish to come and share their comments with the changes in the 2015 IRC concerning Freeboard. The local jurisdictions support the council's decision to remove freeboard from the code and putting the decision making into the hands of the local jurisdictions and local flood plain managers. Most of the opposition is coming from outside interest and other states. Mr. Metcalf noted that even with the opposition from FEMA and the letters being received, that FEMA's own (NFIP) National Flood Insurance Program leaves freeboard to the local level. Mr. Joiner noted that the decisions made by the council had been questioned and doubled check to make sure they were in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Louisiana. This was confirmed during conversations with FEMA and their representatives. The Council is not required to attend the public hearing; however, the Council does have to consider "all" the comments that are presented and could vote on whether there will be a change to the decision made to remove Freeboard from the 2015 IRC,

The Chair then presented plaques of recognition to Mr. Foy Gadberry, Mr. Mike Metcalf, Mr. Steve Boudreaux, and Mr. Wilfred Barry

The Chair introduced Fire Marshal Butch Browning to the Council and the members of the audience. Fire Marshal Browning spoke to those present.

With no other items on the agenda the Chair requested a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Al Courouveau. There was a second to the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

END OF MINUTES