

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
October 25, 2007
1:00pm
7979 Independence Blvd, Ste. 308
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Hackworth; Ms. Jobe; Mr. Kothe; Mr. Landry; Ms. McKinney;
Ms. Mire; Mr. Noel; Mr. Touchet; Mr. Trosclair; Ms. Weems.

Members Absent: Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Derbigny; Mr. Deshotel; Mr. Fabra; Mr. Guthans;
Mr. Lucky; Mr. Mayo; Mr. Simmons; Mr. Sullivan.

Excused absence: Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Deshotel; Mr. Fabra; Mr. Guthans; and Mr. Lucky.

10 members present and 9 members absent constitutes a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to adopt the minutes from the September 24, 2007 LSUCCC meeting and received a second from Ms. Weems. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 10 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to conduct the next LSUCCC meetings on the following dates, times and locations:

November 13, 2007 at 11:00am in Baton Rouge, La

December 11, 2007 at 10:00am in Baton Rouge, La

January 8, 2007 at 10:00am in Baton Rouge, La

and received a second from Mr. Trosclair. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 10 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of committee reports. Ms. Prisca Weems provided a verbal report, to the LSUCCC members present, who indicated the progress for the E-Permitting plan and program is ongoing and we are awaiting return of the IT Questionnaire on November 1, 2007. Ms. Weems indicated that there are funding issues to overcome and the committee will move forward with this process. No other committee reports were presented at this time. **No action** required at this time.

The chair introduced Mr. John Hough with the Louisiana Technical College System. Mr. Hough discussed the progress of the pilot program for development of the Residential Building Inspector Class. Mr. Hough stated that the code class would be an extension of their construction pathways program.

The chair opened the floor for discussion of the draft letter relative to state enforcement of manufactured homes (mobile homes) constructed under the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD) standards.

The issues relative to mobile homes are still up for debate with the Louisiana Manufactured Housing Commission (LMHC) and the Louisiana State Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and are subject to change from the language in their letter. Therefore the letter is subject to change at this time. **No action** required at this time.

The chair opened the floor for discussion of the propose changes to the IMC and stated that the Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee (TECHCOMM) has begun the amendment process for incorporating the Mechanical Chapters from the International Residential Code (IRC) into the International Mechanical Code (IMC) verbatim. After much discussion the chair closed the floor for discussion. The chair included discussion of the issues relating to the International Existing Building Code (IEBC) relative to one and two family dwellings in conflict with Act 335.

The Council Administrator provided a verbal report relative to jurisdiction non-compliance. The Council Administrator stated that he had contacted the Police Jury President in Jackson Parish, Mr. Zeno, and was informed that Jackson Parish is aware of the mandatory requirements of the state uniform construction code and after communication with their legal counsel; Jackson Parish is prepared to comply. **No action** required at this time.

The chair opened the floor for discussion of the Ethics Board opinion relative to employment of a LSUCCC member with the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), and LSUCCC members elected to state office. The opinion letter stated that there was no ethics concern relative to the employment issues, but the Ethics Board would need more specific information relative election to public office. **No action** required at this time.

The chair opened the floor for discussion of the grant program and provided a status report.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to ratify the Grant Committee recommendation, except for St. Tammany Parish, in the amount of \$9,585,796.24 and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected 10 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to ratify the Grant Committee recommendation for St. Tammany Parish in the amount of \$410,115.19 for a total grant amount of \$9,995,911.43 and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of 9 yes and 1 abstention from Ms. Jobe and the **motion was adopted**.

The chair opened the floor for discussion of appeals to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) interpretations by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). After much discussion, it was determined that all UCC interpretations will ultimately rest with the LSUCCC. In the event that an individual acting as a Third-Party Provider (TPP) misinterprets the UCC the local or parish Building Official, by established procedure, can file a complaint with the LSUCCC for resolution. **No Action required** at this time.

With the agenda discussion being complete the chair entertained a motion to open the meeting for introduction of "Other New Business."

A **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to open the LSUCCC meeting for introduction of “Other New Business”, and received a second from Mr. Trosclair. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected 10 yes and 0 no, the **motion was adopted** and the meeting was open for introduction of “Other New Business.”

The chair opened the floor for discussion of specific issues relating to code enforcement non-compliance in Jefferson Davis Parish and discussed the complaint resolution process and how those issues need to be documented by the Building Officials. **No Action required** at this time.

Mr. Mark Joiner and Mr. Mike Wich, from the audience, requested the LSUCCC consider providing a public comment period prior to promulgation of subsequent editions of the codes, which was met with a positive response by the Chair. **No Action Required** at this time

Mr. Weems requested contacting the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) for involvement with promoting insurance coverage south of Interstate 10. Mr. Noel stated he feels that IBHS is in a reformation process and that IBHS might not be in a position to assist at this time. **No Action Required** at this time.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Noel. With **no action required** the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

END OF MINUTES