

**Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)**

**September 11, 2006**

**10:00am**

**Office of State Fire Marshal  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Randy Noel opened the meeting by welcoming all present and **called the meeting to order @10:10am.**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Noel requested a roll call of the members which reflected the following results:

Members present: Mr. Lavern Bourgeois; Mr. Kevin Derbigny;  
Mr. Chad Deshotel; Ms. Denise Jobe; Mr. Ray Kothe; Mr.  
Michael Landry; Mr. Randy Lucky; Ms. Karen McKinney;  
Ms. Joan Mire; Mr. Randy Noel; Mr. Wayne Touchet; Mr.  
Todd Trosclair; Ms. Prisca Weems.

Members Absent: Mr. Tony Guthans; Mr. Steven Hackworth; Mr. James  
Mayo; Mr. Leroy Sullivan; Mr. James Simmons.

12 members present and 5 members absent **constitute a quorum**

Mr. Steven Hackworth arrived at 10:15am

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lucky to hold the October meeting in Caddo Parish in Shreveport, Louisiana at 1:00pm and Mr. Lucky will work with the LSUCCC Administrator for details and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

The next meeting was announced to be October 9, 2006 at 1:00pm in Shreveport, Louisiana .

**A motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to adopt the minutes from the meeting of August 8, 2006 and received a second from Mr. Lucky, and with no further discussion the **motion was adopted.** No action required.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to adopt the proposed By-laws revisions and received a second from Ms. Weems. The Chair requested a vote from the members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted.**

The Chair opened the floor for discussion for adoption of the Administrative Chapter to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code. LSUCCC Legal Counsel, Ms. Burkett explained to the LSUCCC how the rules will be published.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to withdraw the proposed rule relative to the Administrative Chapter and received a second from Mr. Touchet. Mr. Bourgeois proposed an amendment to obtain an attorney General opinion relative to the authority of the LSUCCC to promulgate rules to reinstate laws that are legislatively removed, in specific the Administrative Chapter. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of proposed exemptions for existing Building Code Enforcement Officers (BCEO). Mr. Bourgeois read from the proposal for all to understand and talked about revisions to the proposed document. Further discussion ensued. **A motion** was made by Mr. Bourgeois to grant a three (3) year additional provisional period for registration with the LSUCCC for plans examiners and Inspectors employed by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) on or before July 1, 2006 who are gainfully enrolled in a core certification training program in their code discipline and achieve a minimum of three (3) continuing education units (CEU's) and any new employee shall have a twelve (12) month provisional period for registration with the LSUCCC without a certification in the code discipline to be effective July 1, 2007, and received a second from Ms. Jobe. The Chair requested a vote from the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 2 no with the no votes being cast by Ms. Mire and Mr. Noel, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion on granting the LSUCCC Legal Counsel authority to participate at the Louisiana Parish Attorney's Association Conference to be held on October 20, 2006 and with **no action required** the participation was granted by the LSUCCC.

The Chair opened the floor for a presentation by Mr. Rick Dixon with the Florida Building Commission. Mr. Dixon talked about research for studies of the effect of trees to offset the effects of wind on buildings and requested Louisiana to participate in the research effort and indicated that there are federal grant funds available to assist with the cost associated with this study. **A motion** was made by Ms. Weems to investigate the funding sources to be used for cost of this research and participate with Florida in that effort per the letter of request from Mr. Dixon dated September 8, 2006. The motion received a second from Mr. Trosclair. The Chair requested a vote from the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 1 no with the no vote being cast by Mr. Landry, and the **motion was adopted**.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bourgeois to open the meeting to other new business and received a second from Ms. Jobe. The Chair requested a vote from the members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted.**

The chair opened the floor for discussion of changes to the wind speed criteria from the 2006 International Residential Code (IRC) to reflect the criteria as reflected in the 2003 IRC. State Representative Mr. Gil Pinac, from the audience, indicated to the LSUCCC that there was an effort to place a moratorium on the wind speed requirements from the 2006 IRC in the next legislative session, and continue using the wind speed from the 2003 IRC on an interim basis until the State of Louisiana can adjust to the changes imposed by Act 12 to date.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Noel to amend the wind speed criteria in the 2006 IRC from 100 mph to 110mph for a period of one (1) year, and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 5 yes and 9 no, with the no votes being cast by Mr. Lavern Bourgeois, Mr. Kevin Derbigny, Mr. Chad Deshotel, Mr. Steven Hackworth, Ms. Denise Jobe, Mr. Ray Kothe, Mr. Randy Lucky, Ms. Karen McKinney, and Ms. Prisca Weems, and the **motion failed** for a lack of a 2/3's affirmative vote.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of duties and responsibilities of the LSUCCC certified Building Official. Mr. Frank Morris, from the audience, requested a clarification. **A motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to request staff interpretation of the request from Mr. Morris and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The Chair requested a vote from the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 1 no and the **motion was adopted.**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Touchet and with **no action required** the meeting was **adjourned at 1:36pm.**