

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
March 10th, 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 10:02 A.M.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Boudreaux; Mr. W. Barry; Mr. Brown; Mr. B. Byrd; Mr. Courouleau; Mr. Gadberry; Mr. Hoffman; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Landry; Mr. Metcalf; Mr. Price; Mr. Robinson; Mr. Thibodeaux; Mr. Wallace

Members Absent: Mr. J. Barry; Mr. Causey; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Naquin; Mr. Stevens

Excused absence: Mr. J. Barry; Mr. Causey; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Naquin; Mr. Stevens

14 members present and 5 members absent constitute a Quorum.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion to add an item to the agenda - 400 CFM Vents for Residential

A **motion** was made by Mr. B. Bryd to add 400 CFM Vents for Residential to the agenda under new business. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Wallace. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 0 no, the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Courouleau to adopt the minutes from the February 10th 2015, LSUCCC meeting and it received a second from Mr. B. Byrd. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 14 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, April 14th, 2015, 10:00 A.M. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Hoffman. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 14 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 there was no report at this time. The next meeting will be held prior to the LSUCCC meeting on April 14th, 2015. The topic of discussion will be the Solar Industry. Mr. Joiner asked if the Committee would like to have a meeting for the solar industry to attend and have discussion. The meeting will be set up for the April 14th, meeting.

The Chair opened the floor for the Legislative Advisory Committee report by Mr. B. Byrd. Mr. Byrd reported that there was no report at this time. The next meeting will be held on April 14th, 2015 prior to the next LSUCCC meeting.

The Chair opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report by Mr. Metcalf. Mr. Metcalf reported that there was no report at this time.

The Chair gave an update on the Plumbing Transition Commission. The Commission's last meeting was cancelled and the next scheduled meeting is set for March 24th at 1:30 p.m. They will continue to cover Chapter 6 and 7. Mr. Wich also gave an update on the Commission's work and progress prior to the June 16th deadline. Mr. Wich spoke concerning the fixture count table presented by Mr. Brown. To this point there have not been any major changes made to the tables. Members of the Council requested that a list of motion items that they will need to address be provided to them, Mr. Joiner stated that a list will be provided of those motions up to the March 24th meeting for the council to review. The question was asked if the commission will go back to readdress the motions that ended in a tie or readdress areas that may have been tabled. Mr. Wich stated that if some issues ended in a tie they may have been readdressed earlier in the process but in order to move the process forward ties are not being readdressed as frequently in order to cover the material required.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion by Mr. Joiner on the verbiage concerning motions from the February 10th, 2015 LSUCCC meeting for verification of wording. The first concern was with the motion concerning and the date in which the emergency rule would go into effect. A date was given at one point during the discussion in order to write the emergency rule for the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee concerning Solar Panels and pathways. Motion did not include a timeline of when the emergency rule would go into effect. The response was that the emergency rule would go into effect immediately. The industry is concerned with the change while current jobs are in the process of being finished and new bids that would need to be properly prepared with new requirements. Discussion concerning permits issued and procedures to make sure that the emergency rule is properly worded so that there are few permit issues.

The second concern was the verbiage of the motion concerning HVAC Certification. The question was asked if the intent was to amend the rule to state, "Amend the present rule in Title 55 Part 6 to allow an HVAC Contractor to be certified by the duct leakage equipment manufacture and to allow them to perform duct leakage testing." Mr. Hoffman agreed this was the intent.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to amend the present rule in Title 55 Part 6 to allow HVAC Contractor to be certified by the duct leakage equipment manufacture and to allow them to perform duct leakage testing. The motion was seconded by Mr. B. Boyd. The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the motion. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 0 no, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Greg Landry spoke concerning those who should be allowed to be certified. Some residential jobs have not just HVAC Contractors but will also have duct contractors and could they also be able to receive the certification needed to perform the duct leakage test. Mr. Brown called for question. The Chair requested a vote of the question, which was unanimous. The Chair called for any discussion on the question, no discussion. The Chair called for a vote of the members which reflected the vote above in the said motion.

Mr. Joiner discussed the third concern with the fact that the advisory committees and committees are considered to be public meetings and therefore follow the public meeting laws. These meetings would have to have agendas posted according to the public meeting law. Minutes will also need to be provided by each one of the committees and sub-committees. The Chair noted that each committee will need to provide minutes from their meetings to Mr. Joiner once they have been approved and voted on by the committee.

Mr. Joiner discussed the fourth housekeeping item concerning the NEC Committee. There was a question on how many members were to be added to the NEC Committee. Also member names and contact information need to be provided to Mr. Joiner. The Chair noted that discussion would be tabled and readdressed at the April meeting of the LSUCCC.

New Business:

1. Discussion of verbiage printed on permits as required by Title 46 Section 801. (Foy Gadberry)

Mr. John Barker, Louisiana Plumbing Board, requested to speak to the council to voice a concern with the verbiage on some plumbing permit/application forms. Mr. Barker asked if the council would provide assistance in notifying jurisdictions of the statement to be added to permit applications based on Title 46, Part LV Chapter 8 Section 801 Part B and RS 37:

B. Any permit issued by a municipal or other local regulatory authority which authorized the applicant to perform plumbing work shall state on the face of the application form in bold, conspicuous writing and lettering the following notice:

NOTICE

Any person who performs plumbing work as defined by the Louisiana Plumbing Law, R.S. 37:1377, shall possess a license issued by the Louisiana State Plumbing Board. A master plumber shall properly designate his employing entity to the board. Any questions concerning compliance shall be addressed to the board.

2. 400 CFM Vents for Residential

Mr. Hoffman spoke to the council about concerns he has been receiving from the new code that requires a 400 CFM Vents for Residential. Mr. Roberts was requested to speak to the council concerning this issue in order to provide an understanding of the code changes. There was a lengthy discussion between the council members and members of the audience. Mr. Roberts recommended that this concern may need to address by the Technical Committee of the LSUCCC for a determination.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Barry but was withdrawn.

A **motion** by Mr. Hebert that 400 CFM Vents for Residential and concerns to be sent to the Technical Committee for review. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Metcalf. The floor was opened for discussion. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 1 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn, with no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

END OF MINUTES