

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
May 12, 2009
10:00AM
8181 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Barry; Mr. Bessette; Mr. Boudreaux; Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Gadberry;
Mr. Gil; Mr. Holden; Mr. Kothe; Mr. Lucky; Mr. Landry; Ms. McKinney;
Mr. Metcalf; Ms. Mire; Mr. Noel; Mr. Sandage; Mr. Touchet; Ms. Weems.

Members Absent: Mr. Henderson; Mr. Trosclair.

Excused absence: Mr. Henderson; Mr. Trosclair.

17 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lucky to adopt the minutes, as revised, from the April 14, 2009 LSUCCC meeting and received a second from Mr. Gadberry. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 17 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf to conduct the next LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge on June 9, 2009, at 11:00AM and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 17 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for the Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee report to be given by Ms. McKinney. Ms McKinney began her report with the next meeting to be held before the Council meeting on July 14, 2009. The committee is seeking more information from Mark Roberts, ICC on the storm shelters standards. The subcommittees have been formed with the subcommittees still accepting names of members from industry professionals. The rules on the 2008 NEC and the rule to amend section 403 of the IMC to the IMC supplement should be in the Louisiana Register by June 10, 2009. The committee discussed public education on the AFCI, and some changes in the 2008 NEC. Lastly the committee has an ongoing discussion about the energy codes. That concluded the report with **no action required**.

The Chair opened the floor for the Administrative Advisory committee report from Ms. Weems. Ms. Weems stated that there had been no meeting scheduled for the month of May, she was circulating copies of the previous IT questionnaire to accept suggestions on how to further refine the information obtained so that the system can meet the needs of the users. Also the committee discussed previously solar installation training for code officials are tentatively scheduled for the week of June 6th – 10th, there are two different workshops with more information on the times and locations to be distributed as soon as it is available. **No action required**.

The Chair opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory committee report. Mr. Kothe began with an update on the formal complaint process against the City of Alexandria. Mr. Kothe requested an update from Paul Schexnayder, Attorney for the Council. Mr. Schexnayder mentioned that he did meet with the city's attorney and the Building Official for the City of Alexandria and that the attorney was at the meeting to present the information. Mr. Charles Johnson addressed the Council after reviewing the information and requirements that were imposed in the instance of the complaint; the city has introduced and subsequently will pass an ordinance to repeal any parts of the local code that are inconsistent with the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code. A **motion** was made by Mr. Barry to withdraw formal complaint against City of Alexandria. The City of Alexandria has complied with the law and will send evidence of compliance by next week; the motion received a second from Mr. Holden. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 17 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**. This concluded the code enforcement advisory report.

The Chair opened the floor for a review and discussion of a GOHSEP grant revision request from the City of St. Gabriel. The revision information was presented by Ms. Jobe, the administrator. The Chair commented that flood plane administration, and the GIS mapping are not allowed expenditures under the grant, and the maximum allowed training amount is \$5000 per person. A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to approve GOHSEP grant revisions in the amount of \$10,000.00 for training (non ICC) in high wind construction and CBO certification assistance training (Flood plain administrative and GIS mapping excluded) and received a second from Mr. Bessette. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 17 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for an update on the LSUCCC sponsored training being administered through LAIBTS. Mr. Mutty presented the Council some updated information on the Phase 2 training and the monthly report. **No action required**.

The Chair opened the floor for a review and discussion of the status of the GOHSEP grant reimbursements. Mr. Billy Posey of the GOHSEP office addressed the Council. Currently his office has 14 payments that have been sent to support services, of which 4 have been paid; there were 27 payments to be processed, which leaves a remaining 9 still to be processed in the GOHSEP office. Mr. Posey mentioned that once the 27 reimbursements that his office has are processed, the remaining funds will be reimbursed to DPS, who will then distribute the funds to the jurisdictions. **No action required**.

The Chair opened the floor for a review and discussion of the Personal Financial Disclosure Statements. The Chair met with Jill Boudreaux, Undersecretary Department of Public Safety, and Kathleen Allen, Deputy General Council of the Louisiana Board of Ethics. There is still some debate as to whether or not DPS has the ability to reject a recommendation from the Council. He will continue to update the members on the progress. **No action required**.

The Chair opened the floor for a legislative update on matters on building codes. The legislation affecting the building codes are scheduled for House Commerce Committee review on Monday, May 18, 2009. There was some discussion on the individual pieces of legislation, with **no action required**.

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The review and discussion of RS 40:1730.40 Municipalities and Parishes, home rule charter. Mr. Paul Schexnayder and the office of Legal Affairs has reviewed the statute and it is their opinion that building code legislation falls under the states police power, therefore jurisdictions who operate under home rule charter would have to abide by Uniform Construction Code. **No action required.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Lucky with no action required the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

END OF MINUTES