

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
April 14th, 2015
11:00 AM
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 11:23 A.M.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Members Absent: Mr. Causey; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Hoffman; Mr. Stevens

Excused absence: Mr. Causey; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Hoffman; Mr. Stevens

16 members present and 4 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Byrd to adopt the minutes from the March 10th 2015, LSUCCC meeting and it **received a second** from Mr. Naquin. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 16 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, May 12th, 2015, time is to announced but should be around 11:00 A.M. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Dhume. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 16 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 the Technical Committee met prior to the LSUCCC meeting concerning the temporary and permanent rule affecting PV Systems. There was a motion to amend the emergency rule.

The Chair asked if the council needed to read the changes. Mr. Joiner noted that due to the date that it had to be turned in that the Council would need to vote on the changes today. Mr. Joiner noted that the changes where concerning the requirements of a rapid shutdown. The solar industry requested that portion of the emergency rule be postponed until the August date and in lieu of the requirement they would have a plaquard, placed in a readily accessible area, stating that the disconnecting means was on the roof for the solar arrays and install a manual disconnect on the roof within 10 feet of the arrays. This was the adopted motion. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Concerns were voiced about whether the equipment would be available. Mr. Kramer and Mr. Byrd voiced concerns on the equipment availability and whether the emergency rule should not be voted on as it was originally written. Mr. Kramer noted that some Manufacturers have a way to incorporate it into their equipment; others would need to use alternative methods to add the rapid shutdown. Mr. Brown noted the amended motion would give the manufacturers time to make the necessary changes to provide for the needed

equipment. Other than the motions stated below that concluded the report for the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Brown to amend the emergency rule so that the rapid shutdown requirements be postponed until the August date and in lieu of the requirement the manufacturers would have a placard, placed in a readily accessible area, stating that the disconnecting means for the solar arrays is located on the roof and there will be a manual disconnect installed on the roof within 10 feet of the arrays. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Boudreaux's. The Chair requested a roll call vote of the members present. The vote reflected 12 Yes, 4 No, the **motion was approved**.

The Chair opened the floor for the Legislative Advisory Committee report from Mr. Bobby Byrd. Mr. Byrd stated that the committee met to discuss the two (2) bills that were being presented during this Legislative Session – HB 302 and HB 353. Mr. Byrd noted there was very little discussion on HB 302. The committee had extensive discussion on HB 353. The committee made a motion with a request to the Code Council to write a letter stating that there be a suggest of modifications to the bill concerning the turnaround time for investigations (the bill is stating 5 day turnaround time), staffing requirements stated in the new law, and the funding stated in the new law. There was discussion from members of the council as well as the audience. Mr. Byrd stated that there was only one bill that may be filed by there has been no movement on that bill. Other than the motions noted below that concluded the report for the Legislative Advisory Committee.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Boudreaux to request that the council write a letter to Rep Ponti and/or his staff to request a meeting to discuss HB 353 and concerns that the council has concerning time frames, funding, and staffing laid out in the bill. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Naquin. The Chair requested a vote of the members present. The vote reflected a vote of 16 Yes, 0 No, the **motion was approved**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. B. Boyd that the representatives from the council to meet with Rep Ponti or his Staff are at the discretion of the Chairman. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Boudreaux. Question was called. The Chair requested a roll call vote of the members present. The vote reflected a vote of 15 Yes, 1 No, the **motion was approved**.

The Chair opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Report from Mr. Mike Metcalf. Mr. Metcalf gave an update on the ongoing issue with the City of Plaquemine and that the matter has been resolved. That concluded the report for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for an update on the Plumbing Transition Commission. Mr. Gadberry updated the council on the progress of the Commission. The council was presented with a preliminary list of PTC Ties that will be discussed and voted on in the June meeting.

The time frame for reviewing the 2015 I-Codes is 5 years from the effective.

With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business a motion was made by Mr. Courouveau and seconded by Mr. B. Byrd to adjourn, with no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

END OF MINUTES