

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
April 14, 2009
11:00AM
8181 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 11:00AM**

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. Gadberry; Mr. Gil; Mr. Henderson; Mr. Holden; Mr. Kothe; Mr. Lucky; Mr. Landry; Ms. McKinney; Mr. Metcalf; Ms. Mire; Mr. Noel; Mr. Trosclair; Ms. Weems.

Members Absent: Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Sandage; Mr. Touchet.

Excused absence: Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Sandage; Mr. Touchet.

16 members present and 3 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to adopt the minutes, as revised, from the March 10, 2009 LSUCCC meeting and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gadberry to conduct the next LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge on May 12, 2009, at 10:00AM and received a second from Ms. McKinney. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for the Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee, Ms. McKinney began the reported that the Committee last met on March 26, 2009, and the next meeting scheduled will be May 12, before the regular Council meeting. The Committee continued their review of the 2008 National Electrical Code. After reviewing information on AFCI and reviewed public comments from NAHB and National Electrical Manufacturers Association. A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to adopt of the 2008 NEC in its entirety to become effective January 01, 2010 and received a second from Mr. Trosclair. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to adopt the 2007 IMC supplement to the 2006 IMC specifically 403.1 thru 403.7 in its entirety as an emergency rule as recommended by the Tech Advisory Committee and received a second from Mr. Barry. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 16 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

Ms. McKinney continued the tech committee with the committee reviewing the ICC 500 Standard for adoption and concluded that the committee needs more data on the application in flood prone areas and

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the elevation requirements, and the issue will be considered at a later meeting. Also, the technical committee will begin its review of the 2009 of the International Codes, and the chair announced the invitation of appointees to these sub-committees for code and industry professionals to serve on the respective committees for each code. Ms. McKinney announced the sub-committee chairs. As follows:

International Building Code – Mr. Tom Holden
International Residential Code – Mr. Lavern Bourgeois
International Existing Building Code – Ms. Prisca Weems
International Mechanical Code – Mr. Steve Boudreaux
International Fuel Gas Code – Mr. Todd Trosclair

The Chair opened the floor for an Administrative Advisory committee report from Ms. Weems. Ms. Weems began her report with the committee discussing the installation of solar panels, and the number and type of inspections required. The Department of Energy has agreed to provide training to code officials in the state of Louisiana through workshops in the greater New Orleans area with-in the next three months. Ms. Weems mentioned that the ICC could consider a certification for inspection of solar panels. A **motion** was made by Ms. Weems to request the International Code Council develop solar inspector certifications, 1 for the solar water heaters and 1 for PV systems and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 16 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

Ms. Weems continued the report with the committee will be working with PIAL to develop a rating system for building code offices in the state. There was some discussion about the State web portal system, with funding from an existing grant through the Office of the State Fire Marshall. **No action required**.

The Chair opened the floor for a Code Enforcement Advisory committee from Mr. Kothe. They began with a discussion of the complaint process against the City of Alexandria. A **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to approve the recommendation of the CEA committee to proceed with formal proceeding against the City of Alexandria and received a second from Mr. Metcalf. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 16 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to Administrative Advisory Committee recommends that the Council put together training for jurisdictions impacted by the new wind speeds that will become effective when the 2009 IRC is adopted and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 16 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Trosclair to approving the reallocation of GOHSEP funding as requested by the City of Kenner in the amount of \$45,140.00 see requests for categories, note certification and training cannot exceed \$5000.00 per person and received a second from Mr. Holden. A **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf to call for the question and stop discussion and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 7 yes and 9 no, and the **motion was not adopted**, and discussion of motion continued. The Chair requested a vote of the members present for the original motion which reflected a vote of 15 yes and 1 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for an update of the LSUCCC sponsored training. Ms Jobe presented the monthly reports prepared by LA IBTS on the number of participants and the number of certificates issued. There was a question raised about the number of registrants, and attendance for Phase I. **No action required.**

The Chair opened the floor for the review and discussion of the GOHSEP grants update. Mr. Noel has received notification from Mr. Posey that the funds for the original request may be issued directly to the jurisdiction, but that any further request will need to be issued to DPS who will then issue funds to the jurisdictions. Mr. Noel mentioned that he has received a copy of the proposed guidelines for the grant reimbursement and made mention that the legislative auditors do not want the jurisdictions to piggyback on another jurisdiction's bidding procedure. While a piggyback is acceptable in the state, the federal government does not accept the procedure and therefore the legislative auditors are recommending that the jurisdictions do not piggyback, as it will hold up the reimbursement process.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Holden to request a representative from GOHSEP to attend the May 12, 2009 meeting to answer questions regarding the delays in GOHSEP grant reimbursements and received a second from Mr. Bessette. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 16 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted.**

The Chair opened the floor for a legislative report. The Chair gave a review of the proposed legislation for the 2009 Regular Legislative Session. Mr. Noel began with HB 351 legislation provides for changes relative to provisional certificates of registration for building code enforcement officers, which would then give the Council the authority to pass a rule for the extension of the provisional periods of registration.

The chair continued with HB 276 provides that if an agreement between the governing body of a municipality or parish and a third-party provider is reached for the issuance of permits and the enforcement of the building code, the maximum fees applicable shall be established by the governing body, and to allow the council to determine whether or not to adopt the 2009 edition.

The Chair discussed HB397 which authorizes a deduction from tax table income for contributions to catastrophe savings accounts. Mr. Noel discussed HB812 which creates the My Safe Louisiana Home Fund and transfers the balance in the Insure Louisiana Incentive Fund to the fund and establishes a program to pay for inspections and retrofitting homes to make them less vulnerable to hurricane damage. The Chair concluded with a discussion of proposed legislation changing the duties of State Fire Marshal, batteries in smoke detectors for sold homes, and insurance discount for voluntary sprinkler installation in residential construction. **No action required.**

The Chair opened the floor for a discussion of the LA State Plumbing Code update. The Chair made mention of information he received the DHH will be updating the LA State Plumbing Code and is searching for funding for that process, and for the participation of members of the Council to be a part of the process. **No action required.**

The Chair opened the floor for a presentation by MR. Paco Capello of the LSU Agriculture Center on the interactive mapping systems developed by the AgCenter for wind speed mapping. Mr. Capello gave a practical demonstration showing many of the features of the system. **No action required.**

The Chair opened the floor for a presentation by Mr. Billy Williamson of the LA Dept of Natural Resources on the DNR Recovery Economic Stimulus Package from the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act. **No action required.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gadberry to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Trosclair with no action required the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

END OF MINUTES