

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council
April 11th, 2023
11:00 A.M.(Following the Tech Code Meeting)
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 12:24 PM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chair, Mr. Roy Young, requested a roll call of the members which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. B. Byrd; Ms. T. Byrd; Mr. Cabirac; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Causey; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Heier; Mr. Masterson; Mr. McShan; Mr. Young; Mr. Rinchuso; Mr. Wallis

Members Absent: Mr. Keenan Glover; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Miller; Mr. Browning; Mr. Eric Parnell; Ms. Peers

Excused absence: Mr. Keenan Glover; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Miller; Mr. Browning; Mr. Eric Parnell; Ms. Peers

A total of 12 members present, 7 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the February 14th, 2023, meeting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Henry Heier to accept the minutes from the February 14th, 2023, meeting. Mr. Rodney Wallis **seconded the motion**. There were no objections to the motion and **the minutes were accepted as written**.

2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBA.

Mr. Joiner stated that May meeting will be determined based on how the Technical Committee and UCCC meeting happened. Mr. Joiner stated that the CO Detector issue could be determined as a Life Safety Issue and warrant an Emergency Rule. The IRC Review committee will be meeting via Zoom to discuss the CO Language and clarifying the language in the amendment. The IRC Review committee will then bring recommendations to the Technical Committee for review and motion to amend the language in the code. The next scheduled meeting will be May 9th, 2023 according to the calendar. There will be a quorum confirmation sent out to the members.

3. Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee Report (Jackie Dadakis)

Ms. Dadakis informed the council members that the Technical Advisory Committee did go through several clean up issues concerning the adopted amendments.

The new Energy Code will be in effect as of July 1st, 2023 and the Freeboard amendment will be effective as of August 1st, 2023. At this time, there are no known issues with either adopted amendment going into effective on the date specified.

There will be ICC training provided on the new Energy Code. It will be an online training that will be split into two days, May 3rd and 4th, 2023. It will be from 1 pm to 4 pm each day.

There is one piece of legislation that is being monitored and that is the bill presented concerning residential lawn irrigation systems and the testing of backflow preventers. Mr. Jake Causey asked that the council do more than monitor. He request writing a letter on the Council's position in the matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Jake Causey and **seconded by** Mr. Henry Heier in support of a letter of concern being provided, on behalf of the code council, concerning the bill dealing with the testing of the residential lawn irrigation backflow preventers. The floor was opened for discussion. Mr. Joiner stated he had provided a letter of concern (via email and voice) stating that the law was incorrectly written. The Code Council does not enforce and the testing is a federal guideline by the EPA. The LSUCCC cannot supersede a federal guideline. Mr. Joiner stated he would send another letter to the Legislative Auditor voicing the Council's concerns. Typically this is enforced through the type of devices (such as charges for use) and local ordinances to enforce these federal guidelines. There was **no opposition to the motion. The motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion of proposed corrections and changes for 2021 I-Codes and 2020 NEC amendments. (Roy Young/Mark Joiner)

The Chair, Mr. Roy Young, asked which printing of the code that the council was working on. There have been multiple printings. The review committees worked off the first printing of the 2021 Code. Mr. Joiner and Mr. Roberts are working from the third printing. Mr. Joiner has noticed that the formatting and numbering is somewhat different between the first and third printings. There have been no changes to any of the amendments, they have stayed in tact as amended.

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Ms. Dadakis asked Mr. Joiner if the Technical Advisory Committee meeting recommendations could be presented and voted on by the Council in one motion. Mr. Joiner asked if everyone present also attended the Technical Advisory Committee meeting and heard all of the recommendations and discussion. It was confirmed that all council members present were also present during the Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Ms. Dadakis read off each recommendation and those items that were tabled for further discussion to the Council members present.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey and **seconded by** Mr. Chester Cabirac to accept all amendments recommended by the Technical Committee from their earlier meeting. The Chair, Mr. Young, opened the floor for discussion, there was no discussion. The Chair, Mr. Young, asked for any objections to the motion, there were **no objections**. **The motion passed.**

2. Update on grant applications (Jackie Dadakis)

Ms. Dadakis spoke about the federal grant applications for training. There are several sources of training that will be forth coming. Grants that can help fund this training for local jurisdictions are in the process of being reviewed and information provided to those who oversee these grants.

Mr. Joiner informed the Council that he has been contacted by Boards and Commissions concerning members on the Council. Mr. Chester Cabirac stated that he would not be returning to the council and he was very appreciative to everyone on the Council. There will be a few new faces that will be joining the Council in the near future.

With no other items on the agenda or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Chester Cabirac to adjourn. Mr. Scott Masterson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM.

END OF MINUTES