

Technical Codes and Advisory Committee

September 11th, 2018

9:00 AM

**8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Chester Cabirac; Mr. Marty Campbell; Mr. Jake Causey;
Mr. Dhume (arrived late 10:10); Mr. Jerry Hebert (Chair); Mr. Gerard Rinchuso;
Mr. David Thibodeaux; Mr. Bren Kramer; Mr. Harris

Members Absent: Mr. Linden Raimer (Ex-Officio); Mr. Ben Gootee

Excused absence: Mr. Linden Raimer (Ex-Officio); Mr. Ben Gootee

9 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the June 12th 2018 meeting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Thibodaux to adopt the minutes from the June 12th, 2018 meeting. The **motion received a second** from Mr. Campbell. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were no objections and the **motion was approved.**

2. Discussion on proposed and previously approved amendments to the plumbing and residential energy codes for the 2015 IPC and 2015 IRC (Jerry Hebert)

#1 No Action To Be Taken – City of Lafayette on backwater valves can be addressed on the local level.

#5 No drain required on pan for a tankless hot water heater. The Chair, Mr. Hebert opened the floor for further discussion. There was an extensive discussion which included that these units do not have condensation, all condensation requires to be piped or captured by a collection unit, and that at one time a secondary drain pan was to be provided if the unit was located in an upper floor. Some residential units are located in areas where condensation can not be piped and the drain pans are capped with sounding devices in order to shut the unit down in case of an unexpected water release. Mark Roberts noted that the code states that pans are not required on replacement hot water heaters and in areas that it is located where it will not cause damage.

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A **motion was made** that no action be taken on 2015 IRC Section 2801.6.1 - No drain required or pan required for a tankless hot water heater. The **motion was made** by Mr. Rinchuso and **seconded by** Mr. Kramer. The Chair, Mr. Hebert, asked if there were any objections, there was an objection. The motion was moved to a vote of the members present, the result 7 Yes, 1 No. The **motion passed**.

Item #7 - Previously no action was taken to 2015 IPC and IRC where it allows 1 ½” vents, 2012 amendments 710.1.3 Minimum size soil and waste stack undiminished. Mr. Thibodeaux noted that he has not seen this being used or any concerns. No further action was taken.

Item #9 - Previously no action was taken on matter IPC/IRC allowing 3/8” tubing to be ran from fixture to fixture. It was stated that earlier discussion noted this was a misinterpretation.

#13 Townhouse plumbing issues 701.3 Separate sewer connections. This matter was already addressed.

A request was made to readdress the concern - Repairs under slab - IPC addresses, IRC does not. 2015 IPC – Added Section 701.9, Repairs to Drainage System via Re-Route

There was a thorough discussion by the committee and those in attendance concerning “Re-Route and capping off of open piping within the plumbing system.”

A Motion was made to rescind the previously approved motion to add to 2015 IPC and Section 109 - Repairs to Drainage System via Re-Route. The motion was made by Mr. Cabirac and seconded by Mr. Causey. There were no objections to the motion and the motion passed.

The motion was made by Mr. Cabirac to eliminate the word “and” after “shall be” in the 2015 IRC 701.9 “Repairs to drainage system shall be via Re-Route” and to also to add the same to the IRC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Causey. There were no objections to the motion and the motion passed.

3. Discussion on request to change language in 2015 IMC LA amendment Section M1507.3.3 concerning ventilation rates in new home construction. (Jerry Hebert)

Mr. Rick Kincel from Coburn’s Supply requested to speak to the committee concerning ventilation rates in new home construction. Ms. Reichel LSU Agri - Center from LSU spoke to the committee concerning the Louisiana amendment and the changes that were made and why. The changing of the language was done in order to provide some flexibility. According to Mr. Kincel, insufficient ventilation is creating issues in homes. Removing the wording “Shall be able to” would in fact remove the amendment. The Chair, Mr. Hebert, asked to have this concern be brought back to the Technical Committee with more detailed information to present to the committee and further discussion.

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A motion was made to move the approved amendments by the Technical and Advisory Code Committee to the LSUCCC for consideration and approval. The motion was made by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Harris. There were no objections to the motion and the motion passed.

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn. The **motion was made** by Mr. Causey to adjourn. The **motion received a second**. The **meeting ended at 10:05 am**.

END OF MINUTES