

**Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council**  
**January 10th, 2023**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**8181 Independence Blvd**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:17 am**

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. Keenan Glover; Mr. B. Byrd; Ms. T. Byrd; Mr. Cabirac; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Causey; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Heier; Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Masterson; Mr. Parnell; Mr. McShan; Mr. Young; Mr. Rinchuso; Ms. T. Byrd; Mr. Browning

Members Absent: Mr. Gootee; Mr. Wallis; Ms. Peers, Ms. Cherry

Excused absence: Mr. Gootee; Mr. Wallis; Ms. Peers, Ms. Cherry

Total of 16 members present and 4 members absent constitute a Quorum.

The Chair, Mr. Young, opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending. Mr. Young informed the council of the passing of Ms. Julie Cherry.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the September 21st, 2022, meeting.**

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to accept the minutes as amended from the September 21st, 2022, meeting. Mr. Henry Heier **seconded the motion**. There were no objections to the motion and **the minutes were accepted**.

Correction made 1/10/2023 during LSUCCC Meeting, at the time of the approval of the minutes, to add the correct language to the motion that is missing from the motion in the 9-21-2022 minutes – “to allow the local floodplain managers to be involved and have the ability to increase the BFE+1 or BFE+2 if needed in their respective areas they oversee.”

**2. Next LSUCCC Meeting February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Mr. Joiner stated that there was a need for a Technical Committee Meeting as well as an LSUCCC Meeting for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If the council would be ok with it, the next LSUCCC meeting would follow the Technical Committee Meeting, which would be set to start at 10 a.m. The Chair, Mr. Roy, asked if there were any objections, there were no objections.

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

Ms. Dadakis welcomed those in attendance from the Energy Code Commission. The review and adoption of the 2021 IECC was a big leap for the State of Louisiana. Ms. Dadakis did note that the last set of minutes from the Energy Code Commission could not be changed by the council but they did need to be accept them in order to move forward since the ECC was not longer meeting and finished its work as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Ms. Dadakis noted that during the review and proposal of amendments it was proposed and an amendment voted on that would move the entire state to Climate Zone 2A. This was due to be a change in 2024 Code; therefore, it would just be making the change ahead of time.

The Chair, Mr. Roy, asked for a motion to accept the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes of the ECC.

**A motion was made** by Mr. Bobby Byrd to accept the ECC minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Mr. Chester Cabirac **seconded the motion**. The Chair asked if there was any discussion, there was no discussion. There were no objections by the council members present. **The motion passed.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Review and discussion of proposed technical corrections to amendment (Roy Young/Mark Joiner)**

Mr. Joiner went through a few corrections that needed to be made from the original motions concerning amendments in the latest code adoption that went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Many were typographical errors, technical corrections, or wording that has been brought to his attention. He verbally stated each correction that needed to be made and what the change would be. He will need to resubmit the changes and errors found to the register.

##### **2. Discussion on IPC Amendment Section 403.2 Separate facilities, Exception: Item #6 (Roy Young/Mark Joiner)**

The concern is with the amendment of the shared restroom facilities, also known as multi user restrooms. Urinals were not included in the adjustment made by the committee, to have them separated by walls and a door, as was done for water closets.

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A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to address urinals the same as water closets when it pertains to fixtures in a multi user restroom. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Scott Masterson. The floor was open for discussion, there was no discussion. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion passed.**

**3. Discussion of pending amendments and their timetable. (Roy Young/Mark Joiner)**

Mr. Joiner stated that the New 2021 IECC is to take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. He is required to have the proposed amendments in format and turned into the fiscal office with all required documents by February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Once it clears fiscal it will then go to the register March 10<sup>th</sup> and hopefully a final rule by June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Freeboard is looking at an effective date of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to give time for any pending legislation. It is set to be written and provided to the fiscal office by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. However, it has been requested that the Freeboard Amendment be written and submitted to the Fiscal Office at the same time as the Energy Code, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and/or prior to the next legislative session.

There have been a few items that have been brought forth that will be brought to the Technical Committee for discussion, i.e. the ice edge on roofs.

Mr. Joiner asked the council how they would like to handle a question and interpretation that has developed concerning Carbon Monoxide detectors that are being required in new construction vs at the sale of a home. Some are interpreting as being hardwired for both however the intent, by the council, was that the CO detectors could be either/or hardwired or the 10 year lithium battery. The bill out of Legislation noted the addition of a Carbon Monoxide detector in the living area, which would be required to be added to a home at the time of sale. It would be at least the 10 year lithium type and not necessarily hardwired.

The Chair, Mr. Roy, asked for a motion from the council to give Mr. Joiner the ability to word the amendment so as to clarify the intent of the code as it pertains to adding Carbon Monoxide Detectors in homes during new construction, the sale of a home, renovation or updating.

After a very lengthy discussion from the members of the council, The Chair asked if the council would rather have the current motion as stated, or move to create a substitute motion to move the issue to the Technical Committee for discussion and suggestion. There was no amended motion proposed so The Chair, Mr. Roy Young, moved for a vote on the motion that was currently on the table.

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A **motion was made** by Mr. Dennis Miller to give Mr. Mark Joiner the approval to work with the wording of the Carbon Monoxide amendment to make it more of the intent of the committee and to help alleviate confusion on when they need to be added to residential structures. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Marty Campbell. The Chair, Mr. Young asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were no objections. **The motion passed.**

Ms. Jackie Dadakis asked if the written format of the proposed amendments could be shared with the IECC Commission and the Council prior to sending it to the register. The LSUCCC has no authority, by legislation, to make any changes to the proposed amendments. They can; however, look at any typos. The Commission members can look over the written format prior to submission, in order to make sure that what is being sent is correct from their notes and other documentation - such as the minutes, spreadsheet, and proposed motion documents.

**4. Comments from the LSUCCC chair and the LSUCCC Administrator.**

Mr. Joiner spoke to the council about the numerous calls that he is getting since the adoption of the new building codes as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. There is no 6 month grace period. From the date of promulgation there is a period of time for public comment from the notice of intent and this serves as the grace period prior to the adoption of a new code.

Mr. Roy Young, The Chair of the LSUCCC, appointed Mr. Henry Heier as the Chairman of the Code Enforcement and Advisory Committee.

The Chair, Mr. Young, asked if there was any other business to discuss. With no other items on the agenda or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Henry Heier to adjourn. Mr. Jack Causey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

END OF MINUTES