

Energy Code Commission
November 9th, 2022
10:00 A.M.
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Vice Chair, Mr. Z. Smith welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.** The Chair, Ms. Dadakis and LSUCCC Administrator, Mr. Mark Joiner were in attendance via Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Dadakis requested a roll call of the members, which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Z Smith, Mr. Kraft, Mr. Visser, Mr. Steiner, Ms. Evans, Mr. Kincel, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Morris

Members Absent: Ms. Dadakis, Mr. Bonaventure, Mr. Cardwell, Mr. Naquin, Mr. Landry, Mr. Morris, Mr. Bell

Excused absence: Ms. Dadakis, Mr. Bonaventure, Mr. Cardwell, Mr. Naquin, Mr. Landry, Mr. Morris, Mr. Bell

9 members present and 7 members absent constitute a Quorum.

The Vice Chair, Mr. Z. Smith turned the meeting over to the Chair, Ms. Dadakis.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the October 25th, 2022 meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the October 25th, 2022, meeting. Motion made by Mr. Blake Steiner. Mr. Z Smith **seconded the motion.** There were no objections, and **the minutes were accepted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion of 2021 IECC and 2021 International Residential Code Chapter 11

1101.4 – National Green Building Standard.

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Metcalf to amend N1101.4.1 and N1101.4.2 as written and provided by National Association of Home Builders. See spreadsheet for exact wording. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Blake Steiner. The floor was open for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were no objections. **The motion passed unanimously.**

1101.5 – Repeal the amendment all together.

The motion was made by Mr. Mike Metcalf. Seconded by Mr. Blake Steiner. The floor was open for discussion. After a lengthy discussion and a question called by Mr. Blake Steiner and was seconded by

Mr. Mike Metcalf. Mr. Steiner removed his called question so that the members of the audience could speak to the commission members present concerning the matter. After further discussion it was the decision of the commission **to table this item for further exploration and discussion later.**

1101.9 – Replace the cooling minimum of 75 degrees F with 70 degrees F.

Item was tabled for discussion on the day that the commission will be addressing the mechanical ventilation concerns in the 2021 IECC.

1101.13 and 1101.13.5 – Repeal and in application section remove reference to N1101.13.5

A motion was made by Mr. Blake Steiner to amend N1101.13/R401.2 to remove/repeal/strike reference to N1101.13.5 and the word “and” and then striking section N1101.13.5. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Michael Kraft. The floor was open for discussion after a lengthy discussion **a question was called by** Mr. Michael Kraft, and it was **seconded by** Mr. Mike Metcalf. **There were no objections to the question called.** The Vice Chair asked if there were objections to the motion. There were objections so a roll call vote was taken of the members present. The vote was 7 yes, 0 no, one abstained. **The motion passed.**

1103.3.1 - Replace R6 with R 8 – Tabled for later discussion.

1102.2.3 Repeal and replace with the IECC 2018 1102.2.3 Eave Baffle –

Mr. Blake Steiner from the commission asked if Mr. Jason Aycock from DSLD Homes would please come and speak to the commission concerning this proposed change.

A motion was made by Mr. Blake Steiner to repeal N1102.2.3 and amend to the wording used in the 2018 IECC 1102.2.3. **The motion was seconded by** Mr. Michael Kraft. The floor was open for discussion. The Vice Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were no objections. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Claudette Reichel also provided information and comment in favor of the proposed amendment.

1102.1.3 – Refer to PDF provided by NAHB for amending table values proposed.

A motion was made to amend **Table N1102.1.3** so the U factor for the ceiling is Zero-3 in climate zones 2 and 3, to amend the R values in the ceiling to R38 in climate zone 2 and 3 and the R values in the walls in climate zone 3 to 36, and the slab to zero. **The motion was seconded by** Mr. Mike Metcalf. The floor was open for discussion. A question was called by Mr. Michael Kraft, and it was seconded by Mr. Mike Metcalf. It was asked if there were anyone who opposed calling the question. Mr. Charles Visser objects. A majority vote opposed to close discussion. The floor was back opened for discussion.

A **substitute motion** was made by Mr. Charles Visser to amend Table N1102.1.3 for Climate Zones 2 and 3 for ceiling R-Values be revised for 49 to 38 and associated U Values as well as revise the slab to be zero. The substitute motion was seconded by Ms. Morris. Mr. Steiner requested to table the discussion for further consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Blake Steiner to table the discussion. **The motion to table was seconded by Mr. Charles Visser. There were no objections to tabling discussion. The motion was tabled by unanimous vote.**

1102.4.6 – Repeal – Electrical and communication outlet boxes (air-sealed boxes)

A **motion was made** by Mr. Blake Steiner to repeal Section N1102.4.6 in its entirety. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Michael Kraft. The floor was opened for discussion. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The Chair, Ms. Dadakis called a short break for the commission. The commission reconvened at 12:07 pm. A roll call was taken. All members returned verifying a quorum was still present.

Tabled N1102.1.3 was asked to be revisited after the break.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Blake Steiner to **amend Table N1102.1.3 and Table N1102.1.2** the U-factor in Climate Zone 2 and 3 would be .030 for ceilings, **N1102.1.3** the ceiling R-Value for Climate Zone 2 and 3 would be R38, In climate Zone 3 the R Value of walls would be R13 or 0+10 the same as Climate Zone 2, Slab insulation value would be zero (0). **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Michael Kraft. The floor was opened for discussion. The Vice-Chair asked for a motion to close discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Kraft and seconded by Mr. Steiner. There were no objections to close discussion. The commission was asked if there were any objections to the motion as presented. There were no objections. **The motion passed unanimously.**

1103.4.1 (R403.4.1) To repeal the motion all together.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Blake Steiner to repeal N1103.4.1. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Michael Kraft. The floor was opened for discussion. Mr. Kincel spoke in opposition to removing this amendment. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Steiner withdrew his motion and the **proposal was tabled for further discussion.**

1104.1 Electrical Power and Lighting Systems

A **motion was made** by Mr. Blake Steiner to amend N1104.1 **“Not less than 90 percent of the”** permanently installed lighting fixture to the end of sentence. To strike out N1104.1.1 in its entirety and to strike out N1104.2 and N1102.3 in their entirety. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Mike Metcalf. The floor was open for discussion. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Z Smith asked if there were any other proposals that could be addressed that would be easy to look over and consider.

1102.2.4 - Modification of attic hatches has been withdrawn from consideration.

The Vice Chair, Mr. Z Smith, asked if there was any other business to discuss. With no other items on the agenda or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Michael Kraft to adjourn. Mr. Blake Steiner seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.

END OF MINUTES