

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
February 9, 2009
1:00 PM
8181 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 1:00PM**

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

Members Absent: Mr. Touchet.

Excused absence: Mr. Touchet.

18 members present and 1 member absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to adopt the minutes, as revised, from the January 13, 2009 LSUCCC meeting and received a second from Mr. Barry. 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. Trosclair to conduct the next LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge on March 10, 2009, at 10:00AM and received a second from Mr. Sandage. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 17 yes and 1 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for a committee report from Ms. McKinney, the chair of the Technical Codes Study and Advisory committee. Ms. McKinney reported that the technical committee reviewed information on the arc fault interrupters presented by Simmons, and reviewed information on the COPS systems for storm shelters. There was a brief review of R703.6.3 water resistant barriers, which will be discussed at a later committee meeting. The next technical committee meeting will be held March 10th, 8:30am at the Office of Management and Finance. The March 10th meeting will also be the review of any written public comments received in the Council Office. There is additionally a technical committee meeting scheduled for March 26th, 9:00am at the Council office for the final review of information and public comment, at that time the committee will decide its decision for the recommendation for the adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code to be presented at the April meeting of the LA State Uniform Construction Code Council. Finally the committee has decided to cancel the previously scheduled February 26 meeting.

The Chair gave a brief summary of the Administrative Advisory Committee meeting. There was a discussion with individuals in the Office of the State Fire Marshall about partnering with their department during the development of their database and permitting software to include information that

can be useful to the Council including the number of permits, type of permits, the date of the applications, the date of inspections, the denials and reasons for denials and finally the certificate of occupancy date. Joe Delaune gave a brief description of the State Fire Marshal's office needs; with comments from Christian Valiulis about the experience Praeses has servicing many jurisdictions with similar needs for permitting information in a web-based portal. The Chair also made mention of the BOAL conference in March during which there will be a panel discussion of the consolidation of the inspection requirements for the use of solar panels. The City of New Orleans is working with the Institute of Mechanical and Plumbing Engineers who have developed a standard for the installation of solar panels.

The Chair opened the floor to Mr. Kothe for a review of the Code Enforcement Advisory committee. Mr. Kothe began with a presentation by John Chumba of LA IBTS on the state sponsored training. John Chumba made a presentation to the full Council including a review of the information presented in the training.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Sandage to grant request for revision to the GOHSEP grant for Caldwell Parish and received a second from Mr. Gadberry. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 18 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for the review and discussion of the GOHSEP grant reimbursements to date. The information received to date has indicated that there is a discrepancy between the different methods of procurement by the jurisdictions and what is acceptable to the GOHSEP auditors. The Chair requested further information about the amount requested, as opposed to what reimbursements have been requested.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Sandage to send letter to governor concerning GOHSEP grants and the amount of time that has elapsed waiting for reimbursements, and copy the letter to Senator Mary Landrieu and the Department of Public Safety and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 18 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for a report on the Aid to Local Government grant awards. The Chair made a mention that the ALG committee will meet in the very near future to discuss the remaining ALG funds and to ring the parties in the GOHSEP grant process to this meeting as well.

The Chair opened the floor for a discussion of the legislative report on permitting fees. The Council received a request from the Commerce Committee for the Council to compile information on the various permitting fees being charged throughout the state, to date the response has been low. Because of the wide range of fees by Third Party Providers throughout the state Representative Chandler requested the fee information in order to aid the jurisdictions in the determining of reasonable fee schedule.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to amend IBC to allow State Fire Marshal to review for sprinkler system compliance and make a final determination instead of local code office and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 5 yes and 13 no, and the **motion was not adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to request Technical Code committee to review and discuss possible change to IBC regarding automatic sprinkler systems, allowing State Fire Marshal to determine compliance and language for some and received a second from Mr. Holden. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 18 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**. Mr. Kothe made a note that the appropriate parties to the issue above be notified so that they can participate in the discussion and debate.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Sandage to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Lucky with no action required the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

END OF MINUTES