

Energy Code Commission
September 8th, 2022
10:00 A.M.
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

Ms. Jackie Dadakis welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:17 am**

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. Bonaventure; Mr. Kraft, Mr. Cardwell, Mr. Visser, Mr. Naquin, Mr. Landry, Mr. Evans, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Bell, Ms. Dadakis; Ms. Morris (late arrival)

Members Absent: Mr. Parks, Mr. Morris, Mr. Kincel,

Excused absence: Mr. Parks, Mr. Morris, Mr. Kincel

13 members present and 3 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. First Meeting no old business

Since this was the first meeting, there was not any old business, so the commission moved into New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of chair and vice chair.

Mr. Mark joined explained the needed flexibility of the Chair of the Commission to communicate after business hours and possibly on weekends. The Chair will also be involved with the promulgation part of the amendments

Mr. Joiner then opened the floor for nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Z Smith to nominate Ms. Jackie Dadakis as The Chair. Mr. Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The floor was opened for discussion. There was no discussion. There were no objections to the nomination. Ms. Dadakis was voted in as The Chair of the 2022 Energy Code Review Commission.

Mr. Joiner then turned over the meeting to The Chair Ms. Dadakis. She explained the needed work of the Vice Chair position to assist The Chair when needed and to oversee the meetings in the absence of The Chair.

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The floor was opened for nominations. Mr. Mike Metcalf was nominated however, he removed his name from the nomination.

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Visser to nominate Mr. Z Smith as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joey Cardwell. There was no opposition to the nomination and Mr. Z Smith was named Vice Chair of the 2022 Energy Code Commission.

Ms. Dadakis announced to the Commission that Ms. Corie Anderson Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, also known as MEEA, would be joining the meeting via Zoom to do a small presentation on their code process and how they are implementing the enforcement of the new IECC in the state of Nebraska.

2. Discussion of upcoming meeting schedule.

A handout was provided to the commission members to review the tentative meeting date schedule. Ms. Dadakis asked if there were any questions concerning the proposed meeting schedule. There were no concerns voiced from the commission members present.

Ms. Dadakis requested that the commission members review the code for the upcoming meeting and to please provide any possible amendments they wish to propose ahead of time so the members could review the proposed amendments prior to the meeting.

Ms. Dadakis explained to the commission members, that were present, the background of MEEA. She also introduced Mr. Mark Roberts from ICC, that will be assisting during the meetings by providing a large screen visual of the code sections they will be reviewing.

Ms. Dadakis then introduced Ms. Corie Anderson to the commission and turned the meeting over to her for her presentation. The commission members were able to ask questions to Ms. Anderson, after she finished her presentation.

Ms. Dadakis then asked the commission members to introduce themselves and who they were representing.

3. Discussion on dividing the Energy Code Commission Members into sub committees for IRC and IECC topics.

Ms. Dadakis asked the audience what their take would be if the commission were split into two different sections because it is important that the public be able to attend all meetings. After a brief show of hands, it was decided the commission would stay as one group to move through the review to facilitate the best opportunity for both the commission and the public to have input during the review process.

4. Review and discussion on 2021 International Residential Code Chapter 11 and 2021 IECC

Ms. Dadakis opened the floor for the commission members to discuss early concerns or have conversation concerning the process of bringing forth amendments. Several members shared their thoughts on areas such as how the code review and amendments could possibly help with setting standards that will help the overall citizens of the state in other matters – i.e. insurance, structural renovations such as for historic buildings, how this will affect or help the local building officials and inspectors in the field, training that will be provided, etc.

Ms. Dadakis then requested of the commission members that they go ahead and start the review during the current meeting. The meeting was placed in a brief recess so that Mr. Mark Roberts, representative for ICC, could set up.

The IECC review is to be concluded by December 31st, 2022 and the amendments will be written and then sent to the registrar's office. The effective date for the amendments and code to go into effect is July 1, 2023. Mr. Joiner stated that due to how the legislation was adopted; now there is no energy code in effect on the commercial side, until the IECC goes into effect. As of August 1st, 2022 the Fire Marshal's Office was no longer reviewing under the energy code.

The legislation also will remove the minimum duct insulation requirement that was written into statute. It would now fall under the IECC review.

Ms. Dadakis then turned the floor over to Mr. Mark Roberts from ICC. Mr. Roberts introduced himself and explained that his purpose was to merely assist the commission as a resource to help them through the review process. Mr. Roberts talked about the history of Chapter 11 of the IRC. The IECC Residential section and Chapter 11 IRC did not originally lineup. However, now they are lined up and they are the same. When the commission is working through the IRC sections, they will notice that the IRC Section numbers will also show the IECC Section, in a parenthesis correlation note. Townhouses and 1 or 2 family dwellings will be the IRC.

Ms. Dadakis requested that proposed amendments be sent to Mr. Mark Joiner or Johanna Eddlemon on the Friday prior to the next meeting so that they can be sent out to the commission members for review, prior to the meeting. This would also be the same process for the public to submit possible amendments to the commission for review. Email address: mark.joiner@la.gov

Mr. Mark Joiner asked that anyone that needed to be added to the public notice list to please email him and he will add them to the public notice contact list. Ms. Dadakis and Mr. Joiner explained the time frames required to meet the public meeting law and time frame needed to have the agenda notices to the webmaster in order to post them on the website by a certain date prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Minutes cannot be shared until such time as the minutes are approved at the next meeting. A rough draft of the minutes will be provided to the commission members for their review in order to provide any changes or updates. Once approved the minutes will then be posted on the website for public view.

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Ms. Dadakis then asked the members to open their IECC code book to Chapter 1. She asked them to look through and if they did not see any issues that a motion would be made, at the next meeting, to accept those chapters as is. She asked that the members please review Chapter 4, to be covered at the next meeting. Chapter 4 will be the commercial buildings section of the IECC.

The Chair, Ms. Dadakis, asked if there was any other business to discuss. With no other items on the agenda or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. David Bonaventure to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Andreanecia Morris. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

END OF MINUTES