

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council
September 21st, 2022
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 10:05 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; Mr. Cabirac (10:10); Mr. Campbell; Mr. Causey; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Heier (10:10); Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Masterson; Mr. Parnell; Mr. McShan; Mr. Wallis; Mr. Young; Mr. Rinchuso

Members Absent: Ms. T. Byrd; Mr. Browning; Ms. Cherry; Mr. Miller; Ms. Peers

Excused absence: Ms. T. Byrd; Mr. Browning; Ms. Cherry; Mr. Miller; Ms. Peers

Total of 15 members present and 5 members absent constitute a Quorum. (Two late arrivals)

The Chair, Mr. Young, asked for a motion to amend the agenda to call for an Executive Session. Mr. Jake Causey made the motion. Mr. Scott Masterson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 13 votes Yes, no nays. The vote was unanimous from the members present at the time of the vote.

A **motion was made** to go into Executive Session by Mr. Jake Causey. Mr. Eric Parnell **seconded the motion**. A roll call vote was taken with 13 Yes, no Nays. The vote was unanimous by the members present at the time of the vote. The **motion passed** to move into Executive Session.

The Council moved into executive session at 10:10 AM.

The Council exited the executive session at 10:26 AM.

After the Executive Session, The Chair Mr. Young called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Joiner took a roll call to make sure everyone was back in the regular meeting. Everyone was present with 15 members present. Two members had arrived late.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the July 12th, 2022, meeting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Chester Cabirac to accept the minutes from the July 12th, 2022, meeting. Mr. Bobby Byrd **seconded the motion**. There were no objections to the motion and **the minutes were accepted**.

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2. Next LSUCCC Meeting October 11th, 2022.

Tentative at this time and to be announced. Three members stated they may not be able to attend.

Mr. Joiner stated he would send a quorum confirmation out to the council members if the meeting needed to be moved to the following week due to conflicts and the quorum could not be reached.

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

(A) Energy Code Commission –

Ms. Dadakis informed the council that the Energy Code Commission had attended their first meeting. Things were moving smoothly, and commission members were turning in proposed amendments for consideration.

Mr. Joiner asked that if any of the council members or public present may have amendments for the Energy Code Commission to consider, concerning the IECC and Chapter 11 IRC, to please send those to him via email so they could be added to the spreadsheet.

Mr. Joiner then asked the council to review the minutes from the last ASCE-24 Freeboard and Elevation Task Force meeting. The minutes were a summarization of the items discussed during the meeting as well as the Task Force recommendations that were being presented to the Council for consideration. Since the Task Force would not be meeting again, and this was under the Technical Committee portion of the meeting, he asked for a motion to ratify the meeting minutes of the last ASCE-24 Freeboard Task Force.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to ratify the minutes of the last ASCE-24 Freeboard Task Force. Mr. Scott Masterson **seconded the motion**. There was no opposition to the motion and **the motion passed**. The minutes will be posted on the website for review.

4. Legislative Advisory Committee Report (Jackie Dadakis/Mark Joiner)

It was brought to the council's attention that third party providers are not required to run background checks on their inspectors, unlike a majority of municipalities and jurisdictions. In the next legislative session, there will be a bill that will be introduced to protect residents and business owners from TPP inspectors who may have a felony background.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion of proposed ASCE-24 Freeboard report from Task Force (Jackie Dadakis)

Ms. Dadakis informed the council of the process the ASCE-24 Freeboard Task Force took in order to work through the concerns and questions presented them. Also, how to address the proposed ASCE-24 Freeboard proposed amendments.

She introduced the three options that the Task Force recommended to bring forth to the council for consideration. The options would then be under the council's responsibility to bring forth a motion for an amendment.

It was the summarization that by the ranked voting of the task force members, they preferred Option 2 which was to adopt the ASCE-24 as it is written.

There was a lengthy discussion between the council members. Mr. Rick Foster, Building Official for the City of Denham Springs, made a presentation to the council members. Ms. Dadakis and Mr. Joiner read letters, text messages, and emails that had been sent to the council from different organizations, municipalities, etc. noting their opposition or favor towards a statewide freeboard amendment. A public comment period was provided for those in the audience to speak on their position on the proposals being recommended by the Task Force concerning ASCE-24 Freeboard and Elevation.

Mr. Joiner reminded the council that they were not bound word for word by the recommendations. The Council has the right to tweak the proposals as they see fit.

Those speaking before the Council during public comment: Mr. Zack Smith, Plaquemine Parish, spoke on behalf of his parish. Ms. Darla Duet, Floodplain Manager, spoke on behalf of Lafourche Parish. Ms. Carol Friedland, Director of La House Resource Center at LSU, Ms. Julie Shiyou-Woodard, Smart Home America – Non-profit, Mr. Kevin Durbin West Baton Rouge Parish Building Official and Floodplain Manager, Mr. Gary O'Neal, Mr. Manny Perotin FEMA Contractor, Florida Area, specializing in Building Science, Ms. Kathleen Lunn, NOLA Planning Commission, Randy Noel – Task Force Member, Home Builder, Matt Johns RAPC

Mr. Roy Young, Chair of the LSUCCC, read the letter he drafted to the council members.

2. Final vote for possible ASCE-24 and IRC amendments concerning freeboard for 2021 I-Codes adoption.

The floor was open for discussion between the council members. An adoption date was suggested to be added to any amendment proposed by the council members in order to allow Legislation to take up any concerns they may have with the freeboard issue. The date proposed was August 1st, 2023.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Chester Cabaric to adopt option #2 as received from the Freeboard Taskforce, with changes as written in ASCE 24 and 2021 IRC, with an effective adoption date of August 1st 2023. The **motion was seconded** by Jake Causey. The Chair requested a roll call vote of the members present. The roll call vote reflected 11 yes, 3 no, 1 abstained. **The motion passed.**

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 above motion – “to allow the local floodplain managers to be involved and have the ability to increase the BFE+1 or BFE+2 if needed in the respective areas they oversee.”

A motion was made by Mr. Jake Causey and seconded by Mr. Henry Heier to amend the minutes and for them to be approved as corrected. There were no objections by the council members present and the motion was approved.

3. Appointment of Code Enforcement Advisory Committee members.

The Chair, Mr. Roy Young announced the members of the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee - Mr. Stephen Laughlin, Mr. Keenan Glover, Mr. Marty Campbell, Mr. Dennis Miller, Ms. Julie Cherry.

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

The Chair, Mr. Roy Young had no other comments. Mr. Mark Joiner, the LSUCCC Administrator, asked Mr. Mark Roberts to come up and make a special announcement. Mr. Roberts announced that Mr. Michael Wich had been named the President of ICC. He is the first executive officer to serve from the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Joiner stated to the council members that the Spray Foam Alliance would be providing a webinar for anyone interested to attend. The spray foam industry is headed to a certification process. The spray foam amendments would also be adjusted due to the Energy Code Commission review. The industry is mostly unregulated in the state. Many issues have developed with fire and safety hazards due to the industry being mostly unregulated. The state has no mandate to regulate the spray foam industry however the local governments can man

obtain the ESR reports for each spray foam used in their jurisdictions. Mr. Mark Joiner asked Mr. Roberts if there could be wording that could be added via an amendment to help.

The new I-Codes, NEC will be formally adopted January 1st, 2023. The IECC adoption is set for July 1st, 2023. Pending amendments for press fittings and freeboard (August 1st, 2023 adoption date by approved motion).

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. Jake Causey to adjourn. Mr. Rodney Young seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

END OF MINUTES