

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council
January 8th, 2018
11:00 A.M.
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 11:00 am**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chair requested a roll call of the members which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Mezzic; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Causey; Mr. Young;
Mr. Harris; Mr. Heier; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Miller; Mr. Raimer; Mr.
Rinchuso.

Members Absent: Mr. Cabirac; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Gootee; Ms. Peers; Ms.
Meneandez; Ms. Stefan; Mr. Thibodeaux;

Excused absence: Mr. Cabirac; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Gootee; Ms. Peers; Ms.
Meneandez; Ms. Stefan; Mr. Thibodeaux;

12 members present and 8 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting.

A **motion was made by Mr. Mezzic** to adopt the minutes from the September 11th, 2018 meeting and received a **second from Mr. Miller**. There were **no objections to the motion that the minutes are accepted as presented**. The **motion passed** and the minutes were adopted as written.

2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBD.

The next regular LSUCCC meeting is tentatively set for February 12th 2019. Mr. Raimer, The Chair, wanted it noted that if there were no agenda items to be discussed then there would not be a meeting. The meeting will be held at the State Fire Marshal's Office 8181 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA. Mr. Raimer, The Chair, asked if there were any objections to his suggestion. There were no objections noted. No motion was made.

3. Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee Reports. (Jerry Hebert)

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for the Technical Codes Study and Advisory committee report from **Mr. Hebert**. Mr. Hebert stated that the committee went through exhaust ducts and system design for ventilation for housing.

Mr. Hebert also stated that the committee had submitted the plumbing amendments and they had been approved by the council. The spray foam amendments had also been moved to the council and Mr. Hebert recommended that the council vote on these issues in order to move forward with Mark Joiner's need to format the amendments to move to the register. There were no other items to address so that concluded the Technical Committee report.

Mr. Hebert asked for a motion to move forward all the amendments that had been approved by the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee to the LSUCCC for consideration and vote to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. Jake Causey to move all the approved amendments on plumbing and foam by the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee to the LSUCCC for consideration, a vote to accept, and to move the approved amendments to Mr. Mark Joiner so he can begin the process of providing them to the register. **The motion as seconded by Mr. Rinchuso.** There were no objections to the motion. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Hebert opened up the floor on discussion of IRC M1507.3.3. The Technical Committee had voted on and moved to make a change in the wording of the code to the LSUCCC. The change was adopted. There are concerns that have been brought to the committee's attention since the new amendment went into effect. The concerns stem around problems and issues within the whole house ventilation system. Mr. Hebert asked that this wording be changed in order to correct the problem and concern. Mr. Joiner stated that to remove the new amendment and replace it with the originally wording would take care of the issue. The matter was tabled until the next LSUCCC meeting for further discussion and vote.

There was a question raised by Mr. Heier on public notification of the approved amendments prior to them being moved to the register. This was address by Council Mr. Ron Crouch and Administrator Mr. Mark Joiner with the clarification of Title 40, along with an explanation of the function of the "notice of intent". The "Notice of Intent" allows for the public comment on items being sent to the register to be adopted as part of a code.

Mr. Hebert spoke on the concern brought to the committee concerning storm shelters in schools and new architectural guidelines. The discussion included Bond Timeline vs Budget Issues and possible looking into a Grandfathering rule to help move these code guidelines into effect. The issue was tabled until the next meeting for further research and discussion.

Critical Emergencies is another new section for the IBC 2015 edition that has been brought to the Technical Code Committee's attention. Mark Roberts read the amendment to the council to open up the discussion. The concern was tabled until the next meeting.

4. Legislation Advisory Committee report. (Jackie Dadakis)

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for **Legislation Advisory Committee** report from Ms. Dadakis. Mr. Joiner presented the report for Ms. Dadakis in her absence. There were no items or concerns to report.

5. Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report. (David Thibodeaux)

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report by Mr. Thibodeaux. Mr. Joiner gave the report for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee. Mr. Joiner stated that the only concern was deemed a competency concern and did not fall under the guidelines and responsibilities of the LSUCCC.

The Chair Mr. Raimer asked if there was any other Old Business that needed to be addressed. Mr. Heier was recognized by The Chair, Mr. Raimer. Mr. Heier noted there had been some newspaper articles relative to a development in Orleans Parish that may have some bearing on the Uniform Construction Code Council with the Brad Pitt Real Estate Development Company. Mr. Heier asked if Mr. Joiner and staff were looking into the matter concerning developments and several pieces of information that he had sent for the staff to look in to, previous meeting Mr. Joiner had requested that Mr. Heier please forward any articles and information which Mr. Heier stated he has done so and also brought handouts of documentation. Mr. Heier provided more documentation to the council members and allowed it to be handed out to those in attendance.

Mr. Joiner addressed Mr. Heier and noted that the concern and information provided by Mr. Henry Heier had been taken to legal counsel. The information and concern surrounding issues with the Brad Pitt Real Estate Development Company was deemed as a competence issue and was not in the scope of the work of the LSUCCC. The LSUCCC has no legal authority by way of the statutes, and the writing, to judge competence of an inspector. The competence of an inspector is left to the local jurisdictional organization overseeing the inspector. Mr. Heier then noted that as a council, the LSUCCC has the duty and charge to protect the safety of the public, as well as the State Fire Marshal's office and there should be public hearings in order to address these concerns surrounding the Brad Pitt Real Estate Development Company.

New Business:

1. Discussion on proposed dates for 2019 LSUCCC meetings. (Mark Joiner)

List of monthly dates for the 2019 meetings were passed out to the members. Mr. Joiner encouraged the members to please let him know if there were conflicts on any of the dates. Mr. Joiner asked that the members let him know so he could check for alternate dates.

2. Update on Tiny House Rule-2018 IRC Appendix Q. (Mark Joiner/Linden Raimer)

Tiny house rule voted on, approved and submitted to the Register was promulgated and published in the December 20th addition of the Register. This makes it official and the final rule. It is now in affect that tiny houses built to the 2018 IRC Appendix Q Section and built on a slab (not chassis) can be built in Louisiana. Any tiny houses that are built on a chassis are classified as an RV and OMV is registering and charging for licenses on these units as is. These tiny houses built on chassis' will only be able to be used for temporary or recreational use.

3. Update on registration of LSUCCC inspectors. (Mark Joiner/Linden Raimer)

The new registration expiration date guidelines are in effect and the renewals will be set to expire according to the set dates. New Guidelines: After the initial registration year expires the renewal expiration dates shall be as follows: Building Code Enforcement officers whose last names begin with A through M will expire on December 31 and last names which begin with N through Z will expire on January 31. All Third Party Providers and Wind Mitigation Surveyors shall expire on July 31.

4. Announcement of free training on Firestop inspections and proper installation. (Mark Joiner/Linden Raimer)

Mr. Joiner spoke to the council and those present about the IFC Firestop Classes/Seminars that are being presented around the state. The classes have all the organizations supporting them with CEU credits upon completion of the seminar. Registration is open and those who wish to attend can register on the State Fire Marshal Website under the Education tab.

5. Discussion on timeline for proposed amendments currently in the Technical Committee. (Linden Raimer)

Covered under technical report under Item #3

With no other items on the agenda a motion was made by Mr. Causey to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Young. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

END OF MINUTES