

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
August 12, 2008
10:00AM
Office of Management and Finance
7979 Independence Blvd., Room 308
Baton Rouge, La 70806-6409

Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:00AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Deshotel; Mr. Guthans; Mr. Henderson; Mr. Kothe; Mr. Lucky; Ms. McKinney; Ms. Mire; Mr. Noel; Mr. Touchet; Ms. Weems.

Members Absent: Mr. Fabra; Mr. Hackworth; Mr. Landry; Mr. Mayo; Mr. Simmons; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. Trosclair;

Excused absence: Mr. Fabra; Mr. Hackworth; Mr. Landry; Mr. Mayo; Mr. Trosclair.

11 members present and 7 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to adopt the minutes, from the July 8, 2008 LSUCCC meeting and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The next LSUCCC meeting to be held in baton Rouge, LA and the Office of Management and Finance 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA on September 9, 2008, at 10:00AM, **no action required at this time**.

The Chair requested committee reports. Mr. Kothe reported that he and Ms. Jobe met concerning complaints received in the administrative office; all complaints received were for structures permitted prior to January 1, 2007 and were handled in the informal proceedings by the Administrator. Other complaints received to be reviewed by Mr. Kothe.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to add a space for the original permit date to the Complaint Form and post the revised form and instructions on the UCCC website, the motion received a second from Mr. Bourgeois. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair requested a review and discussion from the Legal Council of Ethics Opinion for Financial Disclosure. Paul Schexnayder reviewed a memorandum issued by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Legal Affairs. Frank Blackburn, Assistant Secretary/General Counsel for the Department of Public Safety advised that the Council refrain from filing financial disclosures before the deadline, so that a further opinion can be requested, **no action required**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to accept the City of Baton Rouge requested line items revisions to the GOHSEP grant award and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair requested an update on the Aid to Local Government and GOHSEP Grant report. Ms. Jobe read a review of the information provided by the Office of the Undersecretary. Including funds from the Aid to Local Government funding still to be distributed to the following jurisdictions: Town of St. Joseph, City of Westlake, Town of Jean Lafitte, City of Denham Springs, Lafayette Consolidated Government, City of Carencro, Town of Mansfield, City of Mandeville, Bienville Parish, Sabine Parish, St. Bernard Parish, City of Baker and the City of West Monroe.

The GOHSEP reimbursements received are in review by Department of Public Safety auditors to ensure proper spending within the categories. Once completed the requested reimbursements will be submitted to GOHSEP, who will then issue the reimbursements directly to the jurisdiction. **No action required**.

The Administrator noted that the contract for the state wide training has been submitted to the Division of Administration for approval; upon approval LA IBTS will be meeting with her to begin project management of the training. **No action required**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to accept letter of resignation from Denise Jobe and received a second from Ms. Weems. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 10 yes and 1 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair reviewed Act 830 as it pertains to residential accessory structures, specifically the definition of a residential accessory structure. A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to that the Council writes a letter to DHH and inquires as to their requirements for inspection of plumbing for accessory structures; the motion received a second from Tony Guthans. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to send the wind mitigation inspection discussion to the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee to be reviewed and make a recommendation to the Council and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair called for a discussion on the review and adoption of the 2008 NEC, with a special note by Mr. Bourgeois that the 2008 has not been adopted and therefore the authority having jurisdiction should now be enforcing the 2005 NEC.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to add Mark Joiner, Building Official City of Ruston be an advisor to the Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee and received a second from Mr. Bourgeois. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to promulgate an emergency rule and permanent rule to replace the ICC Plumbing Inspector and Plumbing Plans Examiner certification requirements with the ICC LA State Residential and Commercial Inspector and LA State Plumbing Plans Examiner certification and received a second from Mr. Kothe. An amendment to the motion was offered by Mr. Kothe to allow for the LSUCCC registration with the current ICC Plumbing Inspector and Plumbing Plans Examiner until December 31, 2008. After such time an individual must obtain the LA State Plumbing Inspector and Plans Examiner certification, amendment seconded by Mr. Bourgeois. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair called for a review and discussion of Act 484 as it pertains to the adoption of the of the adoption of the most recent additions of the adopted codes. The Chair made special note of the current legislation that allows for Section 302.2.1.1 of the 2003 IRC to remain in effect until the adoption of the most recent codes by the LSUCCC, which could potentially allow for an extension of time for the 2003 IRC section to remain in effect. **No action required at this time.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bourgeois to acknowledge the proclamation from Governor Bobby Jindal in recognition of LA IBTS for their efforts in promoting building safety and code compliance through out the state, an amendment was offered by Ms. McKinney to discuss the creation of an award to recognize outstanding officials in the name of L. Curtis McCarty, previous administrator of the UCCCC, the motion and amendment and received a second from Mr. Touchet. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair requested that the council open the floor to comments from the audience, with a special note that **no action** would be taken, only comments for information only. Mark Emard of Limelight Media, Cutoff, LA asked the made comments to the Council on the enforcement of the wind requirements for billboard and sign structures and the lack of enforcement in Lafourche Parish. A permit is required; however the engineered plans and inspections are not being required.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to adjourn and received a second from Ms. Weems; with no action required the **meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.**

END OF MINUTES