

Plumbing Transition Commission
November 18th, 2014
1:30 PM
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: S. Maher; M. Wich, C. Benjamin; R. Kothe; J. Barker*;
T. Smith; T. Crawford; H. Heier*

Members Absent:

Notice of Absence:

8 members present and 0 members absent constitute a Quorum.

The Chair requested that the Commission please keep Mr. Barker's family in their thoughts at this time.

Old Business:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Wich to adopt the minutes from the November 5th, 2014 meeting and received a second from Mr. Crawford. Punctuation clarification was made on previous minutes as noted by Ms. Benjamin. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 8 I's and 0 nays, and the **motion was adopted**.

The next regular PTC meeting in Baton Rouge, LA at the Office of State Fire Marshal December 9th, 2014 @ 1:30 P.M. The date approved by the commission as a group without a motion.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of proposed 2015 meeting dates.

(4) Continued review and discussion on proposed amendments to 2012 IPC Chapter 1, 2, and 3 (Stephen Maher)

Other items tabled will be addressed at the end.

SECTION 314 CONDENSATE DISPOSAL

In Review of Section 314.3 - Discussion by the commission continued from the previous meeting finishing up Chapter 3. Mr. Wich noted that Section 802.3 also addresses those concerns noted in the previous amendment from 11/7/2014 meeting. Mr. Wich asked if instead of a long amendment if the commission should just add a notation "Reference to Section 802.3 for more information regarding this" at the end.

From previous minutes 11/07/2014 – Section 314.3 2012 IPC -

A **motion** was made by Mr. Maher to take definition of “plenum” and add that to the Section 314.3 shall read - No floor drain or other plumbing fixture except electric water heaters shall be installed in a room containing air handling machinery when such room is used as a plenum. When rooms are used as a plenum, equipment drains shall be conveyed through an indirect waste receptor located outside such rooms or other approved point of disposal. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Smith. The Chair requested a vote of the members reflected a vote of 8 yes and 0 no’s, the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Wich and **seconded** by Mr. Maher to remove the language amended at the last meeting, but to replace that with “Reference to Section 802.3 for more information regarding this” at the end of Section 314.3. Waste receptor is covered in both Chapter 8 as well as Chapter 3. The chair opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Sydney Bechnell and Mr. Mark Roberts stated concerns of making the reference to Section 802.3 and the referencing and defining of waste receptor, floor drains, and indirect waste. Mr. Eddie Milem spoke to the commission concerning the issue of condensate disposal and presented documents to the commission concerning installation/clarification for waste receptors as noted in 802.3 of the 2012 IPC. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a show of hands 4 for, 4 opposed. **The motion ended in a tie therefore it will pass to the LSUCCC.**

Discussion followed concerning clear definitions. Floor drain is not defined in the IPC and waste receptor is not listed in the definitions in the IPC or LPC. Indirect waste receptor does have a definition in the LPC. Noted in the IRC there are definitions for floor drain and also “receptor” as stated on page 20 of the IRC.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Benjamin to repeal the previous motion by Mr. Wich to remove the language of 314.3 and reference Section 802.3. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Heier. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a show of hands 4 for, 4 opposed. **The motion ended in a tie therefore it was passed to the LSUCCC.**

SECTION 316 ALTERNATIVE ENGINEERED DESIGN

316.1 Alternative engineered design. - The design, documentation, inspection, testing and approval of an alternative engineered design plumbing system shall comply with Sections 316.1.1 through 316.1.6.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion concerning third party notification and amending 316.1.2 to state that “these (engineered) plumbing systems require the seal, signature and date of a LA licensed professional engineer.” Mr. Wich stated concerns with the adding the third party notification.

A **new motion** was made by Ms. Benjamin to amend 316.1.2 to state that “these (engineered) plumbing systems require the seal, signature and date of a LA licensed professional engineer.” The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Smith. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 6 I’s, 1 opposed, 1 abstained. **The motion was adopted.**

A **new motion** was made by Ms. Benjamin to amend 316.1.2 to state that “after installation of any alternate designed plumbing system, the owner shall notify third parties of its existence” as worded on the Chapter 4 Review document provided to the members. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Smith. The chair requested a vote of the members present by a show of hands which reflected a vote of 4 for, 4 opposed. **The motion ended in a tie therefore it was passed to the LSUCCC.**

Other tabled items will be addressed by the commission at the end of the review.

New Business:

1. Review and discussion of 2012 IPC Chapter 4. (Stephen Maher)

SECTION 403 MINIMUM PLUMBING FACILITIES AND SECTION 418 SINKS

Recommendation: Adding the following requirements into the appropriate Section(s) of the IPC which will address some of our concerns pertaining to facilities that we currently permit under the sanitary code. This will ensure that adequate handwash and warewash sinks are provided at the necessary facilities in order to maintain sanitary conditions. (Specifics on handout supplied to commission members)

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Barker stated his concerns with the removal of DHH’s authority concerning food service establishments.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Barker to amend 418.4 and 418.5 to add the requirements for “Handwash Sinks” and “Manual Warewashing, Sink” for facilities that are currently permitted under the sanitary code. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Smith. The chair requested a vote from the members present by the show of hands which reflected a vote of 8 For, 0 Opposed. **The motion was adopted.** (See below for recommended requirements added)

HANDWASH SINK REQUIREMENTS:

- Dedicated handwash sinks shall be located to permit convenient use by all employees in food processing, food preparation, and other food handling areas.
- Each commercial body art (tattoo) facility shall provide a hand washing sink to be used solely for hand washing in body art procedure area for the exclusive use of the operator. A separate instrument sink shall also be provided for the sole purpose of cleaning instruments and equipment prior to sterilization.
- A hand washing sink may not be used for purposes other than hand washing.
- Sinks used for food preparation or for washing and sanitizing of equipment and utensils shall not be used for hand washing.

MANUAL WAREWASHING, SINK REQUIREMENTS:

□ A sink with at least three compartments constructed of smooth, impervious non-corrosive material such as stainless steel or high density food grade polymer plastic shall be provided in slaughter rooms, packing rooms, retail food establishments, and other food handling areas for manual washing, rinsing and sanitizing equipment and utensils except where there are no utensils or equipment to wash, rinse and sanitize; *i.e.*, such as in a facility with only prepackaged foods.

403.2 Separate facilities.

Where plumbing fixtures are required, separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.

Educational Facilities:

Recommendation was to add required distances to obtain restroom facilities:

For primary schools, and other special types of institutions with classrooms, for children through 12 years of age, separate boys' and girls' toilet room doors shall not be further than 200 feet from any classroom doors. For secondary schools, and other special types of institutions with classrooms, for persons of secondary school age, separate boys' and girls' toilet room doors shall not be further than 400 feet from any classroom door. In multi-storied buildings, there shall be boys' and girls' toilet rooms on each floor, having the number of plumbing fixtures as specified in Part XIV of this Code for the classroom population of that floor.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Benjamin to amend the code to state the above recommendation for distances to restroom facilities in educational facilities as a footnote (H) in the educational chart Section 403.1. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Smith. The Chair asked for a vote of the member present by the show of hands which reflected a vote of 8 For, 0 Opposed. **The motion was adopted.**

Day Care and Residential Facilities:

Recommend amending the IPC as necessary to incorporate the following specialized plumbing requirements for day care centers and residential facilities. This would be Footnote "I" located in Table 403.1 under "I-4"

Recommendations would read as follows: Fixtures shall be of size appropriate for the age of children being cared for (toilets 11 inches maximum height and lavatories 22 inches maximum height), or if standard size fixtures are used, safe, cleanable step aids shall be provided. b. Handwashing and bathing facilities shall be provided with hot and cold running water. Where such water will be in direct contact with children, the temperature shall not exceed 120°F utilizing an approved temperature control device(s).

A **motion** was made by Ms. Benjamin to add Footnote 'I' located in Table 403.1 under I-4: Fixtures shall be of size appropriate for the age of children being cared for (toilets 11 inches maximum height and lavatories 22 inches maximum height), or if standard size fixtures are used, safe, cleanable step aids shall be provided. b. Handwashing and bathing facilities shall be provided with hot and cold running water. Where such water will be in direct contact with children, the temperature shall not exceed 120°F utilizing an approved temperature control device(s). The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Smith. The

Chair asked for a vote of the member present by the show of hands which reflected a vote of 8 For, 0 Opposed. **The motion was adopted.**

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of Day Care Facilities and the qualifications to be a Day Care Facility. It was recommended to table this discussion until further information can be provided.

403.2 Separate facilities. Where plumbing fixtures are required, separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.

There was no change to this Section.

417.5 Shower floors or receptors.

There was no change to this Section.

CHAPTER 4 (DRINKING FOUNTAINS)

A motion was made by Ms. Benjamin to add at Section 410.5 the following:

Drinking fountain fixtures shall provide a minimum requirement of 18 inches of separation from its water outlet (spigot) to any source of contamination. Combination sink/drinking fountain units shall provide a minimum of 18 inches between the drinking fountain water outlet (spigot) and the nearest outside rim of the sink bowl [or other source(s) of contamination].

Add – Exception - Indented –

a. This 18 inch minimum separation may only be reduced by the use of a vertical shield made of a smooth, easily cleaned surface that is attached flush with the top surface of the unit and extends to a distance at least 18 inches in height above the drinking fountain water outlet (spigot) level.

b. Prohibited Fixture. Combination sink/drinking fountain units which share the same sink bowl are prohibited except in individual prison cells.”

The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Smith. The Chair requested a vote of the members present by the show of hands which reflected a vote of 8 For, and 0 Opposed and the **motion was adopted.**

Mr. Smith requested that the previous Section 417.5 be readdressed by the commission. Recommendation was to change 417.3 to read *waste outlet shall be 2”*, in place of 1 ½”. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Bechnell spoke in favor of the recommendation.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and **seconded** by Ms. Benjamin to amend Section 417.3 to read waste outlet shall be 2", instead of 1 ½". The chair requested a vote from the members present by the show of hands which reflected a vote of 7 For, 0 Opposed. **The motion was adopted.** (Note: Mr. Barker needed to leave to attend to family matters.)

CHAPTER 4 (RESTROOM ACCESSIBILITY)

Recommended to revise Chapter 4 of the IPC as necessary to ensure restrooms are accessible to the public. There was no change.

CHAPTER 4 (GENERAL REQUIREMENTS)

Recommended that Chapter 4 of the IPC be amended to include the following requirement:
415.N.6 Seats. Water closets shall be equipped with seats of smooth nonabsorbent material. All seats of water closets provided for public use including, but not limited to, hotel and motel guest rooms and patient rooms of hospitals and nursing homes shall be of the open front type. Integral water closet seats shall be of the same material as the fixture. The seat contour shall be the same contour as the water closet.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Maher to add the following words to the definition of Public and Public Utilization "Hotel rooms, healthcare, and patient rooms". The **motion was seconded** by Ms. Benjamin. The chair requested a vote from the members present by the show of hands which reflected a vote of 7 For, 0 Opposed. **The motion was adopted.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Benjamin to amend Section 422.11 Hand Washing Facility-Medical facilities, including doctor's office and clinics, shall be provided with hand washing facilities within each patient examination and treatment room. The hand wash facility shall be provided with hot and cold water delivered via a mixing faucet. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Smith. The chair requested a vote from the members present by the show of hands which reflected a vote of 6 For, 0 Opposed. **The motion was adopted.**

Section 401.2 – Prohibits all types of trough urinals.

There was no change to this Section.

Section 403.3.1 – "Access to the required facilities shall be from within the building or from the exterior of the building." There is no provision that the exterior access would also require at least overhead protection so that customers would not have to walk in the rain to go to the restroom at an educational facilities is tabled for future discussion.

Section 403.3.2 - Requirement: That toilet rooms not open directly into a room used for the preparation of food for service to the public. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

There was no change to this Section.

Section 421.4 - Calls for Suction Fittings on Whirlpool Bathtubs to conform to ASME A112.19.7/CSA B45.10 – This was tabled for further discussion.

Other areas addressed in the LSPC that do not appear to be address in the IPC were listed and covered. Verification was made if these were covered in other parts of the IPC other than Chapter 4 or request made to research the IPC to see if other areas of the IPC addressed those concerns, including public toilet rooms (LSPC XIV.415E.2.a), recess room for sterilizers in a medical facility (LSPC XIV.415.E.2.c), Floor Drains in toilet rooms serving hotel/motel guest rooms or patient rooms of hospitals and nursing homes (LSPC XIV.415.E.2.c.i (a)., General Food storage areas (LSPC XIV.415.E.3.c) These have been tabled to be addressed at the next meeting.

With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business, a **motion** was made by Mr. Maher and **seconded** by Ms. Crawford to adjourn. With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

*Mr. Barker had to leave 3:00 pm/Sec 420 and Mr. Heier had to leave 3:15 pm/Sec 422

END OF MINUTES