

**Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)**  
February 10th, 2015  
**10:30 AM**  
**8181 Independence Blvd**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Boudreaux; Mr. B. Byrd; Mr. Courouleau; Mr. Gadberry; Mr. Hoffman; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Landry; Mr. Metcalf; Mr. Naquin; Mr. Price; Mr. Robinson; Mr. Thibodeaux; Mr. Wallace

Members Absent: Mr. J. Barry; Mr. W. Barry; Mr. Brown; Mr. Causey; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Herbert; Mr. Stevens

Excused absence: Mr. J. Barry; Mr. W. Barry; Mr. Brown; Mr. Causey; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Herbert; Mr. Stevens

13 members present and 7 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hoffman to adopt the minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> 2015, LSUCCC meeting and it received a second from Mr. B. Byrd. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. B. Byrd to conduct the next regular LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge, LA at the Office of State Fire Marshal, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. No time set at this time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Courouleau. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for a Technical Codes Study and Advisory committee report from Mr. Boudreaux. The committee met and the committee worked to compose an emergency rule to address Solar Panel Systems particularly pathways and energized systems. The Committee composed a four (4) part rule – (1) To adopt the language of the 2015 IRC 324.7. (2) To adopt NEC 2014 Section 690 (Article 690) in its entirety, (3) To adopt the language of IFC 2015 Sec 605.11 (with the exception of ~~Sec 11.1.3.3~~ *and see change noted on page 2 of minutes* Sec 11.2) and (4) To adopt a motion concerning the structural analysis of roofs. The motion that was passed Installers shall provide structural analysis of solar panels, their components and their loading on new and existing roofs from a design professional. Mr. Boudreaux requests that the emergency rule be drafted and accepted.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Boudreaux to adopt the Tech Committee Report and to accept the motions approved through the committee as noted above for the emergency rule. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Hoffman. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion and Mr. Bren Kramer recommended that NEC 2015 Sec 605.11 be recognized as Article 690. Mr. Mark Roberts spoke on IFC 2015 Sec 605.11 noting clarification of #3 of the emergency rule and amending it to state IFC 2015 Sec 605.11 (with the exception of Sec 11.2) to keep from conflicting between the codes. The motion was then made to amend the previous motion to state that #3 To adopt the language of IFC 2015 Sec 605.11 (with the exception of Sec 11.2 – changed from the earlier motion). Mr. Boudreaux accepted the change.

The Chair recognized Mr. Michael Wich. Mr. Wich spoke concerning the NEC Committee and the members that make up that committee. At the first meeting the committee and its decisions were more by the vote of the members of the committee and not an open forum style committee vote such has been done before. Mr. Boyd discussed standard operating procedures for committees. After discussion between the members of the council and those who spoke concerning the issue, it was suggested to expand the NEC Committee by two members. The members that are not current residents of the State of Louisiana and from private entities will still be able to participate but would not have voting privileges. Mr. Hoffman also expressed his interest to have more public attend the committee meeting in order to be able to offer their expertise. Mr. Hoffman stated that he was in favor of adding the two (2) new members and requested they be electrical contractors so they could offer their expertise in this matter during the review process of the NEC.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf to expand the number of members of the NEC Committee by 2. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Courouleau. The Chair requested a vote of the members. Mr. Courouleau asked to add that the three members that are from private entities not be allowed to vote. Mr. Metcalf then **withdrew his motion**. Mr Byrd stated he felt the chairman of a subcommittee should have the right to have input as it relates to the number of members he believes is best for the committee to function correctly. Mr Byrd volunteered to draw up a standard operating procedure for the subcommittees to follow. Mr. Hoffman stated he was adding 2 electrical contractors to the NEC committee. Mr. Gadberry informed the council he had received a text from Mr. Joiner stating that Mark contacted 2 of the NEC committee members and they would not be voting.

The report will be made to the Technical Committee on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Crouch then pointed out that all committees and subcommittees of a public body are subject to the public meeting laws.

The Chair opened the floor for the Legislative Advisory Committee report from Mr. Byrd. The committee has not met. There is no report at this time.

The Chair opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report from Mr. Mike Metcalf. Mr. Metcalf asked Mr. Crouch to discuss the situation with the City of Plaquemine. The issue concerning the Building Official for West Baton Rouge is now handling the business for the City of Plaquemine and that Mr. Joiner is in the process of verifying this.

The Chair gave an update on the Plumbing Transition Commission. The Commission covered Chapters up to Chapter 7 and 8. The Commission will meet at 1:30 p.m. February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

New Business:

**1. Discussion on recommendations from Technical Committee for emergency rule concerning Solar Photovoltaic Systems. (Foy Gadberry)**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting under the emergency rule discussion during the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee Report.

**2. Discussion of new IRC Chapter 11 (Energy Efficiency) amendments effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (Foy Gadberry)**

The Chair recognized Mr. Bobby Byrd. He suggested there be a motion by the council to write a Standard Operating Procedure for committees.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Naquin to appoint Mr. Bobby Byrd to write a Standard Operating Procedure for committees. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Boudreaux. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Hoffman mentioned concerns on who would be certified or qualified to perform testing on HVAC systems. Mr. Gadberry stated that what was accepted was that the testing was to be a "National Certified Organization". Mr. Mark Roberts and Mr. Rick Kincle spoke concerning the certification and testing of individuals that would be performing the Duct Leakage Testing. Ms. Claudette Reichel, from LSU Ag Center/La House, spoke to the council. In order to help with the situation they have partnered with Southface Energy Institute, which is a national recognized certification and testing group. Southface has developed blower door and duct leakage testing and training. The LSU Ag center will be providing this training and certification in the area. There are other entities in the area that are also providing training and certification training.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hoffman to allow HVAC Contractors to be certified by the equipment manufacture to perform the duct leakage testing. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Courouveau. Mr. Metcalf questioned and asked for clarification on nationally recognized or certified. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn, with no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

END OF MINUTES