

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council
February 14th, 2023
11:00 A.M.(Following the Tech Code Meeting)
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 11:17 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; Ms. T. Byrd; Mr. Cabirac; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Causey; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Heier; Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Masterson; Mr. Miller; Mr. McShan; Mr. Young; Mr. Rinchuso; Mr. Wallis; Ms. Peers

Members Absent: Mr. Browning; Mr. Eric Parnell

Excused absence: Mr. Browning; Mr. Eric Parnell

A total of 17 members present, 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the January 10th, 2023, meeting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Bobby Byrd to accept the minutes from the January 10th, 2023, meeting. Mr. Jake Causey **seconded the motion**. There were no objections to the motion and **the minutes were accepted as written**.

2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBA.

The Chair, Mr. Young, stated that the meeting in March was tentative. Due to the time needed to finish writing the amendments and getting them submitted to the register, unless there was a need for a meeting, it would be best not to meet in March.

Ms. Dadakis, Technical Committee Chair, stated there was a need for the Technical Committee meeting before the next LSUCCC in April, due to some of the concerns and questions presented in the Technical Code Committee meeting prior to the LSUCCC meeting today.

She advised it would be best to forego the March meeting date and then for the committee and council members to meet in April.

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

Ms. Dadakis informed the council members present about the technical committee meeting prior to the LSUCCC meeting. Item #3, listed on the technical committees' agenda, dealing with the 2021 ISPSC was withdrawn. The committee then addressed the other three items on their agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion of proposed changes from the Technical Committee (Roy Young/Mark Joiner)

Item #1 Discussion and review of amendments adopting Ice Barrier for both 2021 IBC and 2021 IRC.

The committee revoked the amendments that were made in the 2021 IBC and IRC concerning the ice barriers being required statewide, on roof construction. The committee moved to adopt the language as it was previously written and leave that to the individual jurisdictions based on the verbiage written in the code.

A motion was made by Mr. Bobby Byrd and **seconded by** Mr. Jake Causey to accept the Technical Committees recommendation to revoke the new amendment concerning the Ice Barrier requirement being statewide on roof construction and move it back to the code as it was previously written. There was **no opposition to the motion. The motion passed.**

Item #2 Discussion and review of 2021 IRC Section R302.5.1 Opening Protection.

Ms. Dadakis brought forth the second issue that the Technical Committee addressed. This issue pertained to garage door openings and the requirement, in the code, for self-closing and self-latching mechanisms on entry doors that lead into the residence from the garage. The proposal from the Technical Committee was to keep the code as written.

A motion was made by Mr. Chester Cabirac and **seconded by** Mr. Marty Campbell to accept the proposal from the Technical Committee and keep the code as it is written concerning self-closing and self-latching mechanisms on the garage door openings. The Chair, Mr. Young, opened the floor for discussion, there was no discussion. The Chair, Mr. Young, asked for any objections to the motion, there were **no objections. The motion passed.**

Item #4 Discussion and review of corrections for adopted amendments in 2021 I-Codes.

Ms. Dadakis brought forth Item #4 that the Technical Committee addressed. She asked Mr. Mark Joiner to address the council about the corrections that needed to be made in the 2021 I-Codes.

Mr. Joiner asked the council members to look at the handout provided to them in their packet concerning the corrections. Many of the corrections were technical corrections between the different codes and simple typos.

The Chair, Mr. Young, asked for a motion to accept the proposal from the Technical Committee.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Bobby Byrd and **seconded by** Mr. Stephen Laughlin to accept the recommendation by the Technical Committee to make the necessary technical corrections to the 2021 I-Codes as listed on the handout provided to the council members. The Chair, Mr. Young, asked for any objections to the motion, **there were no objections. The motion passed.**

Ms. Dadakis then brought forth a request from the Energy Code Commission to amend sections in the IRC R303.4, except for Chapter 11 Energy.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to accept the recommendation by the Technical Committee to amend R303.4 Mechanical Ventilation, as state on the handout and proposed by the Technical Committee. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Marty Campbell. The Chair, Mr. Young, asked for any objections to the motion, **there were no objections. The motion passed.**

Ms. Dadakis then informed the council of the items that had been tabled and would be addressed by the Technical Committee, for later discussion and proposals in April.

2. Updates on grant applications. (Jackie Dadakis)

Ms. Dadakis spoke to the council to update the grant applications for training. Mr. Joiner also spoke on the grant applications that have been submitted.

3. Update on upcoming training. (Jackie Dadakis/Mark Joiner)

Mr. Joiner spoke to the council concerning training to be provided by the State Fire Marshal's Office in conjunction with IDR, for the Energy Code. It will be four (4) locations across the state and is proposed to start in April and run through May.

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Mr. Joiner gave a brief update on the Energy Code Amendments. The Energy Code has been written, the physical impact statements have been written for both the Energy Code and the Freeboard amendment. They will be delivered today. The Energy Code Amendment and Freeboard Amendments are looking to be published in the March Register.

The Chair, Mr. Young, asked if there was any other business to discuss. Mr. Rinchuso asked to re-address the drain pan under the water heater between the IPC and the IRC. He requested that the language be added to the IPC, to coordinate with the IRC. The Chair, Mr. Young, asked for a motion.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Gerard Rinchuso to add the verbiage to the last line in the IPC concerning drain pans and have it coordinate with the IRC. “Where a pan drain was not previously installed, a pan drain shall not be required for a replacement water heater installation.” The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Rodney Wallis. The Chair, Mr. Young, asked for any objections, there were no objections. **The motion passed.**

With no other items on the agenda or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Henry Heier to adjourn. Mr. Jack Causey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

END OF MINUTES