

Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee
July 26th, 2016
9:30 AM
7979 Independence Blvd, Room 308
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 9:32 am**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Steve Boudreaux; Chris Brown; Bren Kramer; Jeremy Harris; Foy Gadberry;
Jerry Hebert; Mike Metcalf (EO) David Thibodeaux; Al Courouveau; Scott
Wallace

Members Absent: Bobby Byrd; Phil Hoffman

Notice of Absence: Bobby Byrd; Phil Hoffman

10 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

Meeting was Called to Order by The Chair Mr. Boudreaux, Roll Call, Comments from Mr. Boudreaux requesting a moment of silence, reviewing of the agenda, cell phone meeting policy, and that comments be kept to a minimum due to the amount of business that needed to be covered by the committee.

Old Business:

(1) Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the January 12th, 2016. .

A **motion** was made by Mike Metcalf to adopt the minutes for the January 12th, 2016 meeting. The **motion was seconded** by David Thibodeaux. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The minutes were **accepted** as written.

(2) Next committee meeting time and location to be determined.

Next meeting is set for August 9th, 2016 at the State Fire Marshal's Office 8181 Independence Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA, time to be determined based on meetings that are still going on with other review committees in the coming week.

The purpose of the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee is to review and discuss the recommendations that are being sent from the review committees. The committees vote is not final. The technical committee will make a full recommendation to the LSUCCC Council for final review and vote.

New Business:

1. Discussion and vote on recommendations, from review committee, for proposed amendments to the 2015 IBC/IEBC. (Steve Boudreaux)

The Chair turned the floor over to Mr. Jerry Hebert to present the IBC/IEBC recommendations to the technical committee.

Mr. Hebert thanked all the members of the review committee and presented those members to the Technical Codes committee. Mr. Hebert presented the three documents to the committee for reference and review. There was discussion between the members of the committee. (A document was provided to committee members with specific recommendations and wording/exceptions to be added or removed. Please refer to document 2015 IBC Code Amendments.)

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gadberry to accept Attachment A & B (summary table) that was presented by Mr. Hebert to the committee for consideration. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Courouleau. The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the members. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The **motion was approved**.

2015 IBC Code Amendments were addressed. Mr. David Jones, State Fire Marshal's Office, spoke concerning the recommendations from the review committee.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to amend Section 903.2.1.2 Group A-2 and add Item #4. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Brown. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Hebert **amended his motion** to add the wording "open air pavilions, not exceeding 12,000 sq. ft. on three sides" and Mr. Brown **concurred with the amended motion**. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there was an objection. The Chair requested a vote of the members present. The vote reflected a count of 9 Yes, 1 No, the **amended motion was approved**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to add the amendment Section 903.2.1.2. Group A-2 Exceptions; 1-5. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Wallace. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There was an **amended motion** by Mr. Hebert, with **concurrence** by Mr. Wallace to add “Exception 6: Must provide smoke detection throughout the building.” The Chair asked if there were any objections, there was an objection. The Chair requested a vote of the members present. The vote reflected a count of 6 Yes, 4 No, the **amended motion was approved**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to add the amendment Section 903.2.1.3 Group A-3 and add #4 striking out the wording “shall not be required to comply with 903.2.1.3(1) and”. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The motion was approved.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to add the amendment Section 903.2.1.3 Group A-3 Exception: 1-5 and #5. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there was an objection. The Chair requested a vote of the members present. The vote reflected a count of 6 Yes, 4 No, the motion was approved.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to amend Section 903.2.9 Group S-1 by adding the Exception and adding the Mini-Storage section as noted in the handout provided. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metcalf. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The motion was approved.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to amend Section (F) 903.2.7 Group M by adding the amending wording in #4 “where the floor area occupied by the upholstered furniture or mattresses...” The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The motion was approved.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to amend Section 1020.1 Construction by adding Item #6 from the provided handout. The motion was seconded by Mr. Courouleau. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The motion was approved.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to amend (F) Section 903.2.8 Group R to add the Exceptions noted on the handout provided. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There was an amended motion made by Mr. Hebert to change Exception No. 1 (a) wording from “one-hour” to “two-hour and limit it to a two-story building, with concurrence by Mr. Thibodeaux. The Chair requested a vote of the members present. The vote reflected a count of 9 Yes, 1 No, the amended motion was approved.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to amend (F) Section 903.2.8 Exception No. 2 as noted in the handout provided. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The motion was approved.

Mr. Chris Brown requested that the review committee to please look at Chapter 4 Live – Work provision and try to correlate any changes if needed.

Committee recessed at 111:35 for 15 minute break.

Upon resuming, the Chair opened the floor for Mr. Hebert to bring the recommendations for the Special Locking Arrangements. Mr. Hebert requested Mr. Joiner give a brief history of why the Technical Committee is addressing the Special Locking arrangements and the changes being requested. A document was provided with the specific changes, additions, and strike through's recommended for the committee to accept.

A motion was made by Mr. Courouveau to accept the changes recommended to the Special Locking Section 1010.1.9.6 – 1010.1.9.9 as noted on the handout provided to the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hebert. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The motion was approved.

That concluded the IBC recommendations to the Technical Committee.

The Chair opened the floor to Mr. Stevens to lead the discussion on the recommended changes and considerations from the NEC committee for the 2014 NEC (Handout provided to committee). Mr. Joiner noted that the NEC requested that the Technical Committee address specific topics to bring before the public in order to receive more input.

Item 1 - Article 210.8(A) (2) - as it pertains to garage door receptacles and freezers. Discussion by the committee, no action taken by the committee.

Item 2 - Article 210.8(A) (3) - as it pertains to private sewage treatment systems. Discussion by the committee, no action taken by the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Larry Champ spoke on behalf of the concerns. Mr. Steven Martin, North LA Chapter, NECA spoke and requested that the 2014 NEC be adopted as is with no amendments and presented a letter on behalf of the North LA Chapter NECA to the committee. The Chair read the letter from the North LA Chapter of the NECA into the record.

A motion was made to adopt the 2014 NEC without any amendments by Mr. Harris. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kramer. Motion was removed.

Mr. Wich noted that the particular set of topics were sent to the Technical Committee to review. Mr. Wich further noted that there were two parts provided to the committee at the time of the meeting, 2014 NEC Section 210.12 (B) Branch Circuit Extensions or Modifications – Dwelling Units; and, Section 406.4(D)(4) Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection. These two particular items that Mr. Hoffman requested the committee to address, there was no vote by the committee on these items, and the review committee only discussed the items. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Jeff Sargent spoke to the committee concerning the matter of the Arc-Fault Circuit Protection and Receptacles. No action taken by the committee.

Item 3. Article 210.8(A) (7) - as it pertains to refrigerators and disposals. – Discussion by the committee, no action taken by the committee.

Item 4. Article 210.8(A) (10) - as it pertains to freezer circuits. – Discussion by the committee, no action taken by the committee.

Item 5. Article 210.8(D) - Kitchen Dishwasher Branch Circuit. – Discussion by the committee, no action taken by the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris to adopt the NEC 2014 as written without change. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kramer. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The motion was approved.

With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business, a **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

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