

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council
July 12th, 2022
10:00 A.M.
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:20 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. B. Byrd; Ms. T. Byrd; Mr. Cabirac; Mr. Campbell; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Heier; Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Masterson; Mr. Parnell; Mr. McShan; Mr. Wallis; Mr. Young

Members Absent: Mr. Browning, Mr. Causey; Ms. Cherry; Mr. Glover; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Miller; Ms. Peers; Mr. Rinchuso;

Excused absence: Mr. Browning, Mr. Causey; Ms. Cherry; Mr. Glover; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Miller; Ms. Peers; Mr. Rinchuso;

12 members present and 8 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the June 14, 2022, meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Bobby Byrd to accept the minutes from the June 14, 2022, meeting. Mr. Rodney Wallis seconded the motion. There were no objections to the motion and it was accepted.

2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBD.

Next LSUCCC meeting is scheduled for August 9th, 2022.

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

Mr. Mark Joiner gave the report for Ms. Dadakis. The amendments have been written and have been submitted to the register. Melinda is anticipating them to be printed in the register by the July 20th, 2022, publication. As soon as they come out and they are known to be public, Mr. Joiner will be sending out that information to the council members and the public. The amendments are looking to be adopted, as scheduled, by January 1st, 2023.

The Technical Codes are working through the task force committee concerning the freeboard issue that is still outstanding.

4 Legislative Advisory Committee Report (Jackie Dadakis/Mark Joiner)

Energy Code Commission and Act 635 has been signed into law. The Energy Code Commission is looking to start meeting by late August early September. We are waiting on the respective members to be announced by their affiliates. Names are due by August 1st.

The members will cover the 2021 IECC and Chapter 11 of the 2021 IRC. They will make the amendments. The LSUCCC will prorogate the amendments from the Energy Code Commission; however, they will not have a vote in the Energy Code at this time. In the future code cycle reviews, the LSUCCC will pick up the code in order to review, amending and adopt the code as they do the other I-Codes.

Mr. Joiner spoke on the training that will be available once the amendments are provided. There will be six training classes that will be provided, according to Mr. Buddy Justice at DNR. They will start around February or March and they will go through May. The classes will be provided in the Alexandria, Shreveport, Monroe, Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, and Metairie area.

The Energy Code will go into effect July 1, 2023.

Mr. Bobby Byrd request to make a roll call motion to amend the agenda to call for an Executive Session. Ms. Jackie Dadakis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 12 votes Yes, no nays. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Mr. Marty Campbell. Mr. Henry Heier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 12 Yes, no Nays. The vote was unanimous and passed to move into Executive Session.

After the Executive Session, The Chair Mr. Young called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Joiner took a roll call to make sure everyone was back in the regular meeting. Everyone was present with 12 members present, which represented a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion of proposed 2021 IMC amendments concerning press connect fittings

Mr. Young read the letter from Mr. Henry Heier concerning letters and actions taken by RLS and ASA into the record. Mr. Joiner read into the record the letter submitted by Mr. Roy Young concerning the ongoing issues with press connect fittings and concern for the public and industry safety.

A motion was made by Ms. Jackie Dadakis to take the language as it is written in the code but updated the reference of the UL207 standard to the 2020 addition from the 2014 addition. To restrict the use of these fitting in closed/concealed spaces/plenums and soft tubing applications. The fittings shall be accessible. **The motion was seconded by Mr. Rodney Wallis.** The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Shane Keller, Director of Engineering RLS Locking Systems, spoke to the council. Mr. Keller answered several questions from the council members concerning RLS press connect fittings and the testing that they have undergone Mr. Rick Kensel asked about the fittings and how it pertains to soft copper. Mr. Joe Freese, Parker Hannifin, spoke to the council concerning their fittings, the findings, and their testing information. Mr. Joiner did state that if the manufacturers did submit testing data to show that these fittings were properly tested and passed those safety test there would be an opportunity for the council to review and amend the amendment at a later date. The Chair, Mr. Young asked if there was any further discussion. There was no further discussion. Mr. Young asked for a roll call vote of the members present. **Mr. Joiner called the roll with the vote to be 12 Yes, 0 Nays. The motion passed.**

Mr. Robert Glass asked the council what it was specifically looking for and their concerns with the testing of these press connect fittings. Mr. Young stated that none of these particular press connect fittings were required to be tested or were not tested under the 2014 UL standards. The 2014 standards are what are referenced in the code. It has not moved further to the 2020 standards and the 2020 standards lower the required testing pressure below industry usage standards. That has brought about a major concern by the review committee of these press connect fittings being used under certain conditions.

3. Comments from the LSUCCC chair and the LSUCCC Administrator.

There were no other comments.

The Chair, Mr. Young sadly announced the passing of Mr. Linden Raimer. Mr. Raimer was a former Chair of the LSUCCC. He will be sadly missed.

The Chair, Mr. Young, asked if there was any other business to discuss. With no other items on the agenda or discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Dadakis to adjourn. Mr. Marty Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

END OF MINUTES