

Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee
August 9th, 2016
9:30 AM
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 9:30 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; Bobby Byrd; Bren Kramer; Jeremy Harris;
Foy Gadberry; Jerry Hebert; Mike Metcalf (EO) David Thibodeaux; Al
Courouleau; Scott Wallace (9:50)

Members Absent: Jerry Hebert; Phil Hoffman

Notice of Absence: Jerry Hebert; Phil Hoffman

10 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

Meeting was Called to Order by The Chair Mr. Boudreaux, Roll Call, Reviewing of the Agenda, Cell phone meeting policy, also meeting protocol for discussion and recording devices were addressed prior to opening up the meeting to Old Business.

Old Business:

(1) Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the July 26th, 2016.

A **motion** was made by Mike Metcalf to adopt the minutes for the July 26th, 2016 meeting. The **motion was seconded** by David Thibodeaux. The Chair asked for discussion, there was no discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections to adopt the minutes as presented. There were no objections. The minutes were **accepted** as presented.

(2) Next committee meeting time and location to be determined at a later date.

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

The Chair turned the meeting to Mr. Bholu Dume to open discussion on the adding Exception 4 to 1030.1 dealing with Sprinkler Systems to the proposed 2015 IBC. This would bring this code in line with the Life Safety Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Boudreaux at Mr. Dhume's request to adopt Section 1030.1 and add exception 4 as presented by Mr. Dhume. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kramer. The Chair asked for any discussion to the motion. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Joiner discussed Group A-2 under Item #6 amending the wording to state – "Provide system smoke detection in all areas in accordance with Section 907 of the 2015 IBC," in order to create a more specific verbiage. Mr. Roberts recommended that the committee use IBC 907 because it requires the usage of NFPA 72. The Chair requested that the IBC/IEBC review this recommendation and make a suggestion.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf to amend Section 903.2.1.2 Group A-2 Exception #6 to state "Provide system smoke detection in areas in accordance with Section 907." The motion as seconded by Mr. Byrd. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. The Chair asked for any objections, there were no objections. The motion passed.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf to amend Section 903.2.1.3 Group A-3 Exception #6 "Provide system smoke detection in areas in accordance with Section 907." The motion was seconded by Mr. Byrd. The Chair opened the floor for discussion, there was no discussion. The Chair asked for any objections, there were no objections. The motion passed.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf to amend Section 903.2.8 Group R Exception #1(b.) "Provide system smoke detection in areas in accordance with Section 907." The motion was seconded by Mr. Byrd. The Chair opened the floor for discussion, there was no discussion. The Chair asked for any objections, there were no objections. The motion passed.

Mr. Metcalf requested that Mr. Roberts be able to clarify some items of concern. Mr. Roberts opened discussion on multi-purpose room definition and the specifics of what the definition should be in order to provide specific clarification. Mr. Joiner noted it would be for Group A-2 and A-3. Mr. Jones spoke on the specifics of adding names of rooms and types of buildings to the definition. The local jurisdiction has the right to specifically address special conditions for some facilities and during special functions in order to provide increased protection for the public.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Kramer that the amendments adopted at the last Technical Committee meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Gadberry. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Gadberry noted that a Multi-Purpose room can truly be defined by every situation that this specific type of room could and would be used. He noted that his should be addressed by the local jurisdictions. This **motion was moved to a substitute motion**.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Brown to add to Exception #1, both Group A-2 and A-3, a proposed amendment to occupancies that would read – “Shall not be used for Display, Exhibition, Restaurant, Bar, and Tavern”. The substitute motion was seconded by Mr. Courouleau. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Roberts noted that if an A-3 included food or drink then it would go to a Group A-2. Mr. Zachary Smith spoke concerning the safety concerns with multi-purpose rooms that are being used for events other than what the original purpose was for. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the substitute motion, there were no objections. **The substitute motion was approved.**

New Business:

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

A **motion** was made by Mr. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt R302.5.1 sprinkler protection as noted on the hand out provided (attached to and made a part of the Technical Committee meeting minutes). (Strikethrough wording – *equipped with a self-closing device.*) The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Gadberry. 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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt R303.4 as provided in handout (attached to and made a part of the Technical Committee meeting minutes). (Wording and striking outs – add *less than 3* strikeout *5-* air changes per hour ~~or less~~). The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Gadberry. 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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt R303.4 as written. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Gadberry. 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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt R313 as provided in handout from the IRC Committee (attached to and made a part of the Technical Committee meeting minutes). Section R313.1 (i) strikethrough wording: (See handout-2015 IRC Review Committee Recommended Amendments)

~~Where no sprinkler system is installed a common 2-hour fire resistance-rated wall is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with the 2011 NEC, Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.~~

~~And R313.1.1 (a) ...Automatic residential fire sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 13D and Table 302.1 (2) Exterior Walls Dwellings with Fire sprinklers may be used for separation requirements.~~

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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt R322.2.1 and its wording as provided in handout from the IRC Committee - 2015 IRC Review Committee Recommended Amendments (attached to and made a part of the Technical Committee meeting minutes). Strikethrough: (1) 1-foot (305mm), (2) plus 1-foot (305mm), 3-foot (15mm) 2 feet, (3) plus 1-foot (305mm). The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Gadberry. 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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt R322.3.2 as written and provided in the handout from the IRC Committee - 2015 IRC Review Committee Recommended Amendments (attached to and made a part of the Technical Committee meeting minutes). Strikethrough: R322.3.2 plus 1 ft (305 mm) 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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt R1006.1 as provided in the handout provided from the IRC Committee - 2015 IRC Review Committee Recommended Amendments (attached to and made a part of the Technical Committee meeting minutes) . Strikethrough: ...unless the room is mechanically ventilated and controlled so that the indoor pressure is neutral or positive. 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**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to retain all amendments to the 2012 IRC Chapter. 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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt P3104.1 as provided in the handout provided from the IRC Committee - 2015 IRC Review Committee Recommended Amendments (attached to and made a part of the Technical Committee meeting minutes).
~~Strikethrough: Exception: Individual, branch and circuit vents shall be permitted to terminate at an air admittance valve in accordance with Section P3114.~~ The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Wallace. 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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to delete section R3114 Air Admittance Valves to match state law. 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. Boudreaux on behalf of Mr. Barry to adopt the 2015 IRC Part V Mechanical Section, to retain all amendments made in the 2012 IRC Part V – Mechanical and accept all the significant changes. (See handout provided from the IRC Committee page 3- 2015 IRC Review Committee Recommended Amendments) 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. Barry to accept the 2015 IRC Part VI Fuel Gas section in its entirety without amendment. 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 objection. **The motion was approved.**

(2) Discussion and vote on recommendations, from review committee, for proposed amendments to the 2015 IFGC. (Steve Boudreaux)

A **motion** was made by Mr. Thibodeaux to adopt 2015 IFGC as written without any changes. 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.**

(3) Discussion and vote on recommendations, from review committee, for proposed amendments to the 2015 IMC. (Steve Boudreaux)

A **motion (amended)** was made by Mr. Thibodeaux to adopt the 2015 IMC as written and remove the existing 2012 amendments. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Gadberry. The Chair asked for any discussion. Mr. Kramer discussed whether it was necessary to bring forth the amendments since they were already addressed in the 2015. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. **The amended motion was approved.**

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(4) Discussion and vote on recommendations, from review committee, for proposed amendments to the 2015 IPC. (Steve Boudreaux)

A **motion** was made by Mr. Thibodeaux to adopt the Amendments as provided in 2015 IPC. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Harris. 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. Gadberry to adjourn, the motion was seconded. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

END OF MINUTES