

Technical Codes and Advisory Committee

March 12th, 2019

9:00 AM

**8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Chester Cabirac; Mr. Marty Campbell; Mr. Jake Causey;
Mr. Jerry Hebert; Mr. Ben Gootee; Mr. Gerard Rinchuso; Mr. Bren Kramer; Mr.
David Thibodeaux

Members Absent: Mr. Linden Raimer (Ex-Officio); Mr. Dhume

Excused absence: Mr. Linden Raimer (Ex-Officio); Mr. Dhume

8 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the January 8th, 2019 meeting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Cabirac to adopt the minutes from the January 8th, 2019 meeting. The **motion received a second** from Mr. Campbell. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were no objections and the **motion was approved.**

2. Discussion on proposed and previously approved amendments to the plumbing and residential energy codes for the 2015 IPC and 2015 IRC. (Jerry Hebert)

Mr. Joiner stated that he, legal counsel Mr. Ron Crouch and Ms. Melinda Long have met with the Register to get the proper outline of how to write the approved amendments. These have been started and once the new approved amendments have been added then there will be a notice of intent.

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New Business

1. Discussion on 2015 IBC Section 423 Storm Shelters. (Jerry Hebert)
 - a. GOSHEP presentation (Q&A)
 - b. Discussion on proposed emergency rule pertaining to IBC Section 423 effective date.

Any issues and concerns that have come from the industry and public are from the cost of adding the storm shelter and the time frame of the code going into effect. Mr. Mark Roberts spoke to the committee as well as and the interpretation that the entire structure would have to be a storm shelter and that is not the case. It is based on occupant load.

Mr. Giering of the State Mitigation Officer for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security spoke to the committee on what they term as "safe rooms." This is known as an "eligible activity" under their organization. There is no funding help available however there are guidelines from FEMA on size, the number of people per room, time frames, etc. They are working on what FEMA considers a critical facility. In the north Louisiana area these facilities would be considered as Tornado safe rooms and from Alexandria, LA below they would be considered as Hurricane safe rooms.

The concerns included time frame for permitting, funding concerns, and also postponing an amendment to a future time could cause more issues down the road.

Several other individuals came forward during the discussion to offer their suggestions and concerns to committee.

After a lengthy discussion the committee decided to propose an emergency rule to the LSUCCC during their meeting. The Emergency Rule would be to have projects submitted for permitting prior to January 1, 2020 would not have to comply with 2015 IBC Section 423 Storm Shelters.

2. Discussion on adopting previous amendment in 2012 IRC: (To be moved to the next meeting.)

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn. The **motion was made** by Mr. Causey to adjourn. The **motion received a second from Mr. Gootee**. The **meeting ended at 10:30 am**.

END OF MINUTES