

**Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council**  
May 14th, 2019  
**10:30 A.M.**  
**8181 Independence Blvd**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:30 am**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Mezzic; Mr. Cabirac; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Young; Mr. Gootee; Mr. Bridges ; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Kramer; Ms. Peers; Mr. Raimer; Mr. Rinchuso; Ms. Stefan; Mr. Thibodeaux;

Members Absent: Mr. Causey; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Heier; Mr. Miller; Ms. Meneandez;

Excused absence: Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Causey; Mr. Heier; Mr. Miller; Ms. Meneandez;

15 members present and 5 members absent constitute a Quorum.

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, requested that Mr. Hebert be able to present his motion from the Technical Committee concerning discussion on the proposed rule to add IRC Section 302.1 Exterior Walls as an agenda item. Mr. Raimer asked for a motion to add this to the agenda.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Hebert to add to the agenda, under the Technical Committee Report, discussion and voting to add back Amendment 302.1 Exterior Walls to the IRC. The **motion was seconded by** Mr. Dhume. Mr. Raimer asked if there was any discussion or objections. There was no discussion or objections. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the March 12th, 2019 meeting.**

A **motion was made by Mr. Young** to adopt the minutes from the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting and the motion received a **second from Mr. Hebert**. There were **no objections to the motion that the minutes were accepted as presented**. The **motion passed**.

### **2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBD.**

The next regular LSUCCC meeting is TBA for the month of June. The meeting will be held at the State Fire Marshal's Office 8181 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA. At this time there is nothing outstanding to be discussed by the council in June. If something should come up a meeting will be called. There were no objections.

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### **3. Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee Reports. (Jerry Hebert)**

Mr. Hebert asked if Mr. Bholu Dhume would address the council members and discuss the adding back R302.1 Exterior Walls back into the IRC

A **motion was made** by Mr. Dhume to add back into the IRC R302.1 Exterior Walls. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Cabirac. The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Raimer asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. **The motion passed.**

### **4. Legislation Advisory Committee report. (Jackie Dadakis)**

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for the **Legislation Advisory Committee** report given by Mr. Joiner in Ms. Dadakis absence. There was no report.

### **5. Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report. (David Thibodeaux)**

The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee report by Mr. Thibodeaux. There was no report.

#### **New Business:**

#### **1. Update on emergency rule concerning Storm Shelters**

#### **2. Discussion on Technical Committee proposal to remove amendment M1507.3.3 from the rules and retain IRC Section M1507.3.1 and M1507.3.2, which will stay intact as written. (Jerry Hebert/Linden Ramer)**

Mr. Joiner asked Ms. Reicht to please speak to the council and explain the discussion about the need to correct the wording for M1507.3.3 The wording in the amendment “Shall be designed” left it very open for the industry to use and there was a need to narrow down the wording so that it would be more specific.

#### **The recommendation was to remove the Louisiana Amendment for M1507.3.3:**

k. Amend Section M1507.3.3, Mechanical Ventilation Rate. The whole-house mechanical ventilation system shall be able to provide outdoor air at a continuous rate of at least that determined in accordance with Table M1507.3.3 (1).

#### **Return to the original wording and language to include:**

#### **M1507.3.3 Mechanical ventilation rate.**

The whole-house mechanical ventilation system shall provide outdoor air at a continuous rate of not less than that determined in accordance with [Table M1507.3.3\(1\)](#).

**Exception:** The whole-house mechanical ventilation system is permitted to operate intermittently where the system has controls that enable operation for not less than 25-percent of each 4-hour segment and the ventilation rate prescribed in [Table M1507.3.3\(1\)](#) is multiplied by the factor determined in accordance with [Table M1507.3.3\(2\)](#).

A **motion was made** to remove amendment M1507.3.3 from 2015 IRC and return back to the original language by Mr. Young. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Kramer. The Chair, Mr. Raimer, opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Raimer asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The **motion passed**.

### **3. Discussion on LSUCCC registration assistance for veterans. (Mark Joiner/Linden Raimer)**

Mr. Michael Metcalf approached the council to consider special registration assistance for veterans that would assist them to be able enter into the inspection industry. There is a becoming a large need for quality inspectors throughout the state and nation. This registration assistance would allow a Veteran to be able to be employed by a jurisdiction and given up to two (2) years in order to acquire their certification through ICC, therefore given them a two year provisional status. This would give Veterans one extra year from the current rule of a one year of provisional status. The part of the provision that the person would have to continue be under the supervision of a certified inspector would still be in place.

Mr. Joiner noted that there would be a rule change that would take the current wording and add an exception for Veterans to extend the provisional status one extra year, to two years.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Thibodeaux to extend the provisional period for certification for Veterans to two years. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Dhume. There were no objections. The **motion passed**.

### **4. Update on free training classes on the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (Mark Joiner)**

Mr. Joiner noted that the classes would start after August due to funding issues. The classes will be throughout the state and will start in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Dates and locations will be announced soon.

### **5. Discussion on new proposed and previously approved amendments to the plumbing and residential energy codes for the 2015 IPC and 2015 IRC (Jerry Hebert/Linden Raimer)**

**There was no discussion needed.**

With no other items on the agenda a motion was made by Mr. Young to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hebert. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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