

Technical Codes and Advisory Committee

May 14th, 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 9:00 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. Bholu Dhume;
Mr. Jerry Hebert; Mr. Ben Gootee; Mr. Gerard Rinchuso; Mr. Bren Kramer; Mr.
David Thibodeaux

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

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

8 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

A **motion was made** by Mr. Campbell to adopt the minutes from the March 12th, 2019 meeting. The **motion received a second** from Mr. Thibodeaux. 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)

There have been no new proposals or concerns sent for the committee's consideration. The storm shelter issue has been addressed and the emergency rule is in effect.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on adopting previous amendment in 2012 IRC:

The Chair, Mr. Hebert, opened the floor for discussion and asked Mr. Duhme if he would open with explaining the reasons for the concern and why the proposal needed to be added back into the code from the original amendment that was inadvertently removed by the committee during the last code review session.

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Amendment that needs to be added back:

b. Additionally, Section 302, R302.1 Exterior Walls shall be amended to add the following exception: i. On lots that are 50 feet or less in width the following are permitted: (a) a projection 2 feet from the property line with a 1 hour minimum fire-resistance rating on the underside; (b) a wall 3 feet or more from the property with a 0 hour minimum fire-resistance rating.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Bholu Duhme to add back Section 302, R302.1 Exterior walls as stated above into the IRC. There was no discussion. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Cabirac. There were no objections. The **motion passed**.

2. Discussion on the 2015 IRC Section P2723 Macerating Toilets and P2725 Non Liquid Saturated Toilets. (David Thibodeaux/Jerry Hebert)

Mr. Hebert turned the floor over to Mr. Thibodeaux to open the discussion. Discussion included the discharge pipe sizing that is required for the Macerating Toilets which is different from the code requirements. Mr. Campbell suggested that this would be a good idea for a small addition like a half bath; however, the minimum number of required toilets for residential and commercial required with the work off gravity needs to stay the same. As a primary toilet it may not be a good idea. Mr. Hebert also noted the concern for grey water issues. The non-liquid toilet does not include composting, the waste is burned and there is no discharge.

The macerating toilets are normally only installed due to a necessity and during a renovation where there is a problem with installing a regular toilet to the plumbing requirements.

Mr. Hebert moved that the matter be left as is and if someone brings it back up then the committee will re-address. Mr. Joiner again mentioned that if the committee wanted to bring the matter before the council they could request it be added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting; however, it would take a unanimous voted by the council members to add the new item.

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

END OF MINUTES