

**Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee**

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**9:00 AM**

**8181 Independence Blvd**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 9:02 am**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Caryn Benjamin; Steve Boudreaux; Chris Brown; Bobby Byrd; Bren Kramer;  
Foy Gadberry; Phil Hoffman; Al Courouleau; Mike Metcalf; David  
Thibodeaux;

Members Absent: Jerry Hebert; Scott Wallace

Notice of Absence: Jerry Hebert; Scott Wallace

10 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

Old Business:

- (1) Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meetings.

The minutes for these meetings will be provided at the next meeting.

- (2) Next committee meeting time and location to be determined.

Mr. Joiner noted that the next meeting time and location will be determined once the LSUCC finishes with addressing the recommendations from DHH concerning the IPC.

**New Business:**

- (1) Review and discussion on recommendations from 2014 NEC Advisory Committee(Steve Boudreaux)

The Chair requested Mr. Hoffman; Chair of the NEC Advisory Committee, present a summary to the Tech Code and Advisory Committee of the discussion and recommendations during the NEC Committee meetings. Mr. Hoffman stated that the committee met over a 6 month period of time. The committee has decided to move everything they recommended to the committee with the exception of the changes concerning the Arch Fault and GFCI interrupters. Mr. Hoffman stated that those two items needed to be researched and more data/information obtained in order to have a better understanding of why those changes were being recommended.

The Chair opened discussion on Arch Fault and GFCI Interrupters. The Chair requested Mr. Hoffman present to the committee those changes noted in Section 210.8(A7) Ground Fault

Circuit Interrupters Protection noted in the NEC Analysis of Change. Mr. Jeff Sargent from NFPA spoke on behalf of the change. In the 2014 code the change is in the remove of the term “other than kitchens.” The 2014 code now applies to any sink in a dwelling unit. It also includes dishwashers, refrigerators, and garbage disposals if the receptacle is within a 6 ft. proximate of the sink. Mr. Sargent addressed each area where the GFCI receptacles are being required and they are no longer required. Mr. Hoffman noted that the need for a GFCI for a dishwasher, garbage disposal or a refrigerator seemed to be unnecessary. Mr. Barry Couvillion noted that there are some refrigerator manufacturers who recommend in their manuals not to place their units on a GFCI receptacle. Mr. Sargent also noted one other change in Section 210.8(D) was to pick up the kitchen dishwasher if it was to be hard wired or plug/cord connected. Mr. Sargent further noted the intent of Section 210.8(A7) is to pick up a dishwasher that is plug/cord connected; and if a receptacle is within 6 feet of a sink it would affect the GFCI protection. Mr. Sargent also reminded the committee that GFCI is specifically designed for shock protection and AFCI is specifically designed for fire protection. The committee continued the discussion to address concerns and questions. Mr. Hoffman voiced concerns of whether this is truly necessary to add, due to the cost that is passed on to the home owner. Mr. Boudreaux noted that the 2014 code change would add approximately 5 GFCI’s to a home plan. Mr. Boudreaux asked Mr. Sargent if there was any overlap between the GFCI and the AFCI. Mr. Sargent stated that the AFCI protection, fire protection piece now extends into the kitchens and those areas will be required to provide both protections. Mr. Sargent noted that AFCI protection comes in the form of circuit breakers; and that there are also AFCI/GFCI breakers that provide both types of protection. However, he noted that there is not currently a wiring device/receptacle available to provide both protections.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Gadberry to table the adoption of the 2014 NEC to a later date to coincide with the adoption of the other I-Codes. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Metcalf. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. See above for discussed matters. Mr. Metcalf called the question; there were no objections to the question. The Chair requested a vote of the members present. The voted reflected 8 Yes, 6 No, 1 Abstain, the **motion was adopted**.

(2) Review and discussion on 2012 IRC Section M1503.4 Makeup air required (Steve Boudreaux)

A **motion was made** by Mr. Metcalf to table Item #2 and to address it at the next meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. B. Byrd. The Chair asked for any objections, there were no objections. The **motion was passed**.

With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business, a **motion** was made by Mr. Metcalf and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn. With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

END OF MINUTES