

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)

June 14th, 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 A.M.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. J. Barry; Mr. W. Barry; Mr. Boudreaux; Mr. Brown; Mr. B. Byrd; Mr. Harris; Mr. Courouleau; Mr. Dhume; Mr. Gadberry; Mr. Hebert; Mr. Hoffman; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Landry; Mr. Metcalf; Mr. Price; Mr. Robinson; Mr. Stevens; Mr. Thibodeaux

Members Absent: Mr. Naquin; Mr. Wallace

Excused absence: Mr. Naquin; Mr. Wallace

18 members present and 2 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Mr. B. Byrd to adopt the minutes from the May 10th 2016, LSUCCC meeting with the pending change, received a **second** from Mr. Boudreaux pending the correction to the minutes of who seconded the adjournment of the previous meeting Mr. Dhume was not present that meeting therefore could not be the second for the motion to adjourn. The Chair asked for any objections pending the corrections, there were no objections and the motion passed.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Courouleau to conduct the next regular LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge, LA at the Office of State Fire Marshal, July 12th, 2016. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. B. Byrd. Mr. Joiner noted that the IBC will finish their review during their June meeting and the NEC would be finished up by the July meeting. The Technical Committee could meet at 9 am in order to review each one of the committee's amendments they would like to present. Mr. Joiner stated that once the committee's concluded their meetings then the time could be better determined for the start of the July LSUCCC meeting. The Chair asked for any objections, there were no objections and **the motion passed.**

The Chair opened the floor for the Technical Codes Study and Advisory committee report by Mr. Boudreaux. Mr. Boudreaux noted the three review committees are still working. Mr. Hebert noted at this time he had 6 amendments that needed to be brought to the committee. There have been a few things on hold but the goal is to finish up by noon. Mr. Hoffman stated that with the IRC significant changes there are a couple of motions to bring a few items back in order. The committee will be working on the IPC next and the IMC in July. Mr. Thibodeaux stated they have completed the significant changes in the IPC, IMC, and IFMC. His committee will be addressing 34 pages of amendments presented by DHH at

today's committee meeting. Time frame cannot be determined at this time due to the added amendments to review for his committee. Discussion continued between the council members and those present. Mr. Roberts requested that the proposed amendments be provided to the public so they could also review them prior to the council meeting. There are those who may want to review the amendments from the other committees that they are directly involved with. This would provide for members to properly prepare for discussion.

Doing discussion it was noted that the proposed amendments would need to be addressed in the Technical Committee first, since there is not a Correlation Committee. There was a lengthy discussion on how to best handle getting the information out to the public and the proper time is allowed that the codes are properly done. There are two committees that have intersecting parts that may need to be addressed by a correlation committee. The discussion continued between the council members and those in the audience. Mr. Joiner noted that the Technical Committee would be the one that would need to make the decisions on any concerns were there are correlating difference between two codes.

Mr. Harris addressed the amendments that were being proposed by DHH. It was noted that if the committees wanted to discuss any item that may be correlating then it has to be noted on that committee's agenda. This discussion was added to Mr. Thibodaux's agenda for his committee. Mr. Hoffman asked if the amendments that Mr. Harris would be presenting were the same as those already in the code and was in the emergency rule or is there anything new that has been added. All new amendments would have to be presented to the IRC committee to be reviewed. Each committee is going through the amendments and looking for specific ones that they need to apply to the new code and which ones do not need to be added because they only applied to the 2012 code. Mr. Joiner explained the procedure of the Register and how the specific wording has to be addressed on the amendments to make sure that the 2015 code has the correct amendments stated in the code and those that need to be removed are removed. That concluded the report for the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for the Legislative Advisory Committee report from Mr. Bobby Byrd. Mr. Byrd stated that SB 237 will not be part of this session and HB 960 Temporary Housing passed Senate and House, was signed by the speaker and is headed to the governor's office for his signature. There was a new bill that came up late in the session, HB1068 Inspections on Fuel Gas, which went through Senate and House and is being sent to the Governor's office for signature. It will go into effect January 1st, 2017 and there was an amendment so there is a final version. HB1068 addresses the licensing of Gas Fitter's. Testing will be moved to the responsibility of the State Plumbing Board. The Plumbing Board will have the responsibility to direct which code they will test under. The Plumbing Board will have the ability to license and regulate those individuals doing Gas Fitting. Previously this was handled by the Mechanical Contractors. House Bill HB1153, which is the Boiler Law, will move the inspection of Boiler's 50 gals to less than 120 gal to the responsibility of the local jurisdiction. That concluded the report for the Legislative Advisory Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Report from Mr. Gadberry. Mr. Gadberry stated that there was one item to address that was sent to him by Mr. Joiner. There is a piece of property that needs to be condemned but that would be a local issue. Mr. Gadberry also had received a call concerning a third party provider that was using inspectors that were not certified or registered. Inspectors have to be registered and certified with the LSUCCC. Inspectors also have to work under someone who holds a registration and certification. Mr. Joiner is working on getting some assistance with this individual in order to bring the individual and those inspectors into compliance. That concluded the report for the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee.

New Business:

1. Discussion on time frame for adoption of 2015 I-codes and 2014 NEC. (Mike Metcalf/Steve Boudreaux)

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gadberry to remove all the plumbing amendments that have been previously entered into the register and for the committees to re-review those amendments for the 2015 Code. The **motion as seconded** by Mr. W. Barry. Mr. Boudreaux called for a point of order and noted that this motion was not part of the specific agenda item. The Chair noted that this may not be part of the agenda item however he would allow discussion of Mr. Gadberry's motion at a later point in the meeting. It was noted that any added items to the agenda are to be added at the beginning of the meeting. However, there can be a motion to reopen Old Business and have Mr. Gadberry's motion addressed under #3 of Old Business. Mr. Gadberry **removed his motion**.

Mr. Joiner stated that if there is a July 1st adoption date that the council would look to meet then everything has to be submitted, written, and turned into the register by January 10th. These dates will then provide for everything to be published in the May 20th register. Mr. Joiner would need to start writing no later than November in order to meet the January register deadline date for submittals. Mr. Hoffman questioned if a January 1st 2018 date would give a better time frame. Mr. Joiner stated that it would be at the same time of a new code and that could cause some confusion. Mr. Hebert noted his concern of rushing the process and the concern it may cause some items not to be properly addressed.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Jerry Hebert to make the proposed changes with an effective date of July 1st, 2017. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Price. There was no movement on this motion. (See next page)

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hoffman to make the effective date of adoption to January 1st, 2018. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Harris. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. **Question was called**. There was **objection to the question being called**. The Chair called for a roll call of the members present. The vote reflected a vote was 12 Yes, 5 No, 1 Not Present. The **questioned remained as**

called, no more discussion. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were objections to the motion therefore The Chair called for a roll call vote of the members present. The vote reflected a vote of 3 Yes, 14 no, 1 not present at time of vote. **The Motion Failed.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hoffman to make the proposed changes with an effective date of July 1st, 2017. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Hebert. **Mr. Hoffman withdrew his motion.**

A **motion** was the made by Mr. Jerry Hebert to make the proposed changes to be effective of July 1st, 2017. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Price. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. There were no objections and **the motion passed.**

The Chair opened the floor for Mr. Gadberry to discuss the proposed removal of the plumbing amendments that were voted on. Mr. Joiner noted that those amendments that were approved by the Plumbing Transition Committee could not be removed until the adoption of the new code, 2015.

With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business a **motion** was made by Mr. Hebert to adjourn, the **motion was seconded** by David. With no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

END OF MINUTES