

Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee
January 12th, 2016
9:00 AM
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 9:42 am**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Steve Boudreaux; Chris Brown; Bobby Byrd; Bren Kramer;
Caryn Benjamin; Foy Gadberry; Jerry Hebert; Phil Hoffman;
Mike Metchalf (EO) David Thibodeaux; Al Courouleau; Scott Wallace

Members Absent:

Notice of Absence:

12 members present and 0 members absent constitute a Quorum.

Old Business:

- (1) Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the November 3rd, 2015 meetings.

A **motion** was made by Phil Hoffman to adopt the minutes for the April and July meetings as written. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Gadberry. The Chair asked if there were any objections, there were no objections. The minutes where **accepted** as written.

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

Next meeting tentatively set for Feb. 16th

New Business:

- (1) Discussion and clarification of Louisiana amendments to 2012 IPC Table 710.12(2), 2012 IRC Sections P3005.6 and P3005.7. (Steven Boudreaux)

The Chair opened the floor stating that as of January 1st the IPC has become effective. All projects that are to be permitted after January will fall under the IPC. The Chair turned the floor over to Mr. Mark Joiner to discuss the issue that has been raised concerning the amending of Table 710.1 (2) and adding under the diameter of pipe in inches, an amendment that stated “the minimum size of any branch or stack serving a water closet shall be three (3) inches.” The question that has been raised is where the stack starts or ends. Mr. Joiner read the definition of a stack and requested that the committee look at clarification of the true definition of the difference of a soil stack and a venting stack.

The Chair repeated the recommendation to amend Table 710.1(2) in the first column, Diameter of Pipe *in parenthesis* (minimum size of any branch or *insert the word* “soil” stack serving a water closet shall be 3 inches.) Mr. Joiner questioned the exact position of where the change would be made. Ms. Benjamin stated, that is needed to “above the last fixture that feeds the stack”, at the connection point of the fixture and at that point where it can reduce. Mr. Joiner stated it would require an amendment in the register to add the word “soil” to the revision. Mr. Byrd questioned whether the location would need to be noted in the revision of the amendment. Mr. Roberts noted that he believed the revision should include that the stack would end where the branch serving ended serving the water closet intersected the stack, above that point it is no longer a soil stack it is now classified as a vent or a waste stack.

A motion was by Mr. B. Byrd to amend Table 710.1 (2) on horizontal fixtures, branches and stack to add the word “soil” between the words “or” and “stack” on the first column. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There was discussion from Mr. Bechnel from DHH, other members and members of the Committee. The Chair noted that there was a motion on the table and if the technical committee needed to decide if the change provided enough clarity. Ms. Benjamin stated that it was technically two different items. The table addressed up to the water closet and then beyond the water closet to the next fixture is what Mr. Bechnel was addressing. Discussion continued by Mr. Joiner, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Couvillion. Mr. Terry Smith from American Plumbing stated that once the stack is reduced it is no longer a 3” stack. He stated that it should go through the roof and not be reduced. The Chair asked if there was any other discussion, Mr. Joiner stated that either the motion needed to be voted on or amend the motion to clarifying the wording. Mr. Joiner restated that the committee still needed to address the adding of the word “soil” and the location in Table 710.1 (2) as noted above in the motion. The Chair questioned that if the specific changes were not part of the agenda could the committee still vote on them. Ms. Benjamin noted that the IRC portion was listed on the agenda just not the IPC sections. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion as stated above. There were no objections and the motion was accepted.

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With no other items on the agenda and no motion to accept other business, a **motion** was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

END OF MINUTES