

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)
December 11, 2007
10:00AM
7979 Independence Blvd, Ste. 308
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:00AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Mr. Bourgeois; Mr. Deshotel; Mr. Fabra; Mr. Guthans; Mr. Hackworth; Ms. Jobe; Mr. Kothe; Mr. Landry; Mr. Lucky; Ms. McKinney; Mr. Noel; and Ms. Weems.

Members Absent: Mr. Derbigny; Mr. Mayo; Ms. Mire; Mr. Simmons; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. Touchet; and Mr. Trosclair.

Excused absence: Mr. Mayo; Mr. Trosclair; and Mr. Touchet.

12 members present and 7 members absent constitute a Quorum.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Noel to adopt the minutes, as revised, from the November 13, 2007 LSUCCC meeting and received a second from Ms. McKinney. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Kothe to conduct the next LSUCCC meeting in Baton Rouge on January 8, 2008, at 11:00AM and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 12 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

Ms. Joan Mire arrived at 10:08AM.

The chair opened the floor for discussion of the fire separation distance for walls and wall projections relative to Chapter 3, Section R302 (Exterior Wall Location), and Subsection R302.1 (Exterior Walls) of the 2006 Edition of the International Residential Code (IRC). Mr. Tony Guthans, Chair of the Technical Codes Study and Advisory Committee (TECHCOMM), introduced proposed code change language as recommended by the TECHCOMM. After much discussion, a **motion** was made by Mr. Guthans to amend the 2006 IRC Chapter 3, Section R302, and Subsection R302.1 to read as follows:

R302.1 – Exterior Walls

Exceptions:

4. On lots that are fifty (50) feet or less in width and that contain a one (1) or two (2) family dwelling or townhouse that was in existence prior to October 1, 2005, the following are permitted for re-building:
 - i. A projection of two (2) feet from the property line with a one (1) hour minimum fire-resistance rating.
 - ii. A wall three (3) feet or more from the property line with a zero (0) hour minimum fire-resistance rating.

The motion received a second from Mr. Bourgeois. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 2 no with the no votes being cast by Ms. Mire and Mr. Noel, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weems to promulgate the rule for Chapter 3, Section R302 (Exterior Wall Location, Subsection R302.1 (Exterior Walls) of the 2006 Edition of the IRC as an emergency and permanent rule and received a second from Mr. Bourgeois. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 11 yes and 2 no with the no votes being cast by Ms. Mire and Mr. Noel, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hackworth to allow municipal employees who are Louisiana licensed architects and engineers to act as a building official without International Code Council (ICC) certification and without the supervision as required by R.S 40:1730.35(D), and received a second from Mr. Lucky. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 3 yes and 10 no with the no votes being cast by Mr. Bourgeois, Mr. Deshotel, Mr. Fabra, Mr. Guthans, Ms. Jobe, Mr. Kothe, Mr. Landry, Ms. McKinney, Ms. Mire, Ms. Weems, and the **motion failed due to a lack of 2/3's affirmative vote**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bourgeois to adopt the registration forms for Building Code Enforcement Officers (BCEO) and Third-Party Providers (TPP), as revised, and received a second from Ms. Weems. The Chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Fabra to open the meeting for introduction of Other New Business, and received a second from Mr. Kothe. The chair requested a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **motion was adopted**, and the meeting was open for introduction of Other New Business.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weems to promulgate a rule relative to camps to prevent a camp from being occupied as the same address as the primary residence, and restrict the camp from being eligible for homestead exemption, and received a second from Mr. Kothe. A **substitute motion** was made by Mr. Noel to table this issue and return this to the Administrative Advisory Committee (ADMCOMM) for further study and recommendation to the LSUCCC, and received a second from Mr. Guthans. The Chair requested a vote of the members present on the **substitute motion** which reflected a vote of 13 yes and 0 no, and the **substitute motion was adopted**.

Mr. Bourgeois introduced changes to the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) 2008 Edition. Mr. Bourgeois discussed issues relative to arch fault protection and other issues as required by the National Electrical Code, 2008 Edition. Mr. Noel suggested waiting on any action on this item until after the 2008 Louisiana Legislative Session in anticipation of proposed changes for adoption of subsequent editions of the codes. **No action required at this time**.

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There being no action required for other new business, a **motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to adjourn, and received a second from Mr. Lucky. With **no action required** the meeting was adjourned at 11:52AM.

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