

Technical Codes and Advisory Committee

May 3rd, 2022

10:00 AM

**8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes**

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Present: Ms. Jackie Dadakis (Chair), Mr. Chester Cabirac, Mr. Eric Parnell, Mr. Jake Causey, Mr. Roy Young (Acting – EO), Mr. Marty Campbell, Mr. Scott Masterson, Mr. Bobby Byrd, Mr. Gerard Rinchuso; Mr. Stephen Laughlin, LDH Representative

Members Absent:

Excused absence:

11 members present and 0 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Table ASCE-24 Freeboard topic until last item under new business.

The Chair, Ms. Dadakis spoke to the committee and those in attendance concerning the length of the agenda. There would be two minutes per comment to be able to get through everything on the agenda for the day.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Bobby Byrd to move Item #6 in new business up to the top of the agenda. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Marti Campbell. There were no objections to the motion by a roll call vote of 10 Yes, 0 Nay. **The motion passed and the agenda was amended.** Mr. Roy Young is the EO therefore he does not vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on ASCE 24 requirements for Freeboard

A **motion was made** by Mr. Bobby Byrd to create a task force for both the IBC and IRC. The task force will be for 90 days to discuss and bring back three recommendations concerning ASCE-24 Freeboard. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Stephen Laughlin. Ms. Dadakis opened the floor for discussion. After a lengthy discussion of those from the public, who wished to

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speak, and the committee members, The Chair Ms. Dadakis asked if there were any objections to the creation of the task force and asked for a Roll Call Vote. There were no objections to the motion 10 Yes, 0 Nay. **The motion passed.** Mr. Roy Young is the EO therefore he does not vote.

Floor Discussion during above motion: Ms. Dadakis opened the floor for discussion to those who wished to speak to the Technical Advisory Committee concerning ASCE-24. She requested they please come up, when called, state their name and to please keep their presentations to the 2 minutes limit.

The list of those who spoke to the committee during the discussion period: Mr. Gary O'Neal, Mr. Michael Honeycutt (FEMA), Mr. Jay Dufour (CBO, NOLA), Mr. Chris Johnson (AIA New Orleans), Mr. Matt Johns (LWI Region 1-2-4-5), Mr. Rick Kinzel (Columbus Supply), Ms. Cindy O'Neal

Mr. Mark Joiner stated that there is a way to word the amendment to where the locals would have the right to be able to where the locals can adopt a higher freeboard to what the code allows. This will need to have the assistance of legal to make sure it is worded correct to meet the concerns of the locals. One of the major issues was the enforcement ability of local governments to exceed the requirements of the one foot of freeboard.

Mr. Chester Cabirac asked why FEMA didn't just raise the base flood elevation. Mr. Honeycutt stated that this is in the process of happening across the country. It is mainly tied to funding and the time it takes to do the modeling nationwide. It was easier to go the code route.

Mr. Jay Dufour, CBO New Orleans, stated that they have had success it having a higher standard in some of their areas in New Orleans. He wanted to make sure that they would be able to continue with their efforts because it was working well.

Ms. Cindy O'Neal asked that the taskforce to be expeditious in their duties since the state was entering into hurricane season.

The taskforce will not affect the rest of the code process of adoption. The hopes it that they will align in the end but the rest of the code review will proceed as required. If needed, Freeboard would be considered as a Life Safety Issue if there needed to be an Emergency Rule.

The ASCE-24 Freeboard Taskforce will be public meetings. There will be a 30 day application process for those who may wish to be considered as a taskforce member. Mr. Melinda Long discussed the process that an amendment takes prior to a code or amendment going into effect.

The discussion included the size and membership make up. Ms. Dadakis requested that there be a member from the Insurance Industry, Home Builders Association, and a Civil Engineer. It was

also request that the members comprise of individuals around the state in flood prone areas, such as North Louisiana area. Ms. Dadakis has 6 members of the public, a special person outside of the flood hazard area, a Building official, a Civil Engineer, a Floodplain Manager, a member of the Home Builders, a representative from the Insurance Division, and 6 Members of the UCCC members. The committee looks to be comprised of 12 members. The Chair will be assigned by the chairperson of the Technical Committee.

Ms. Dadakis and Mr. Joiner welcomed Mr. Keenan Glover as the new LDH representative. Mr. Glover introduced himself to the members of the committee.

A **motion by Mr. Jake Causey** was made to accept the minutes from the March 29th, 2022 meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Bobby Byrd. There were no objections to the motion and the **minutes were accepted as presented**.

2. Discussion and presentations of proposed 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) amendments.

Ms. Dadakis asked if there was any public comment concerning the proposed 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) amendments. Mr. Mark Joiner went through each of the amendments and the work and recommended amendments from the review committee. He noted the major technical changes that were made. .

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to accept the NEC Amendments as proposed. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Chester Cabirac. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discussion and presentations of proposed 2021 International Residential Code (IRC) amendments.

Ms. Dadakis stated that the wall bracing issue was being removed from the discussion because it would be handled on its own.

Ms. Dadakis turned the floor of to Mr. Bobby Byrd to go through the amendments. Mr. Byrd stated that he would go through the changes first and then move from there. Mr. Byrd proceeded in going through each change, rather there was action or no action, and recommended amendments from the committee.

Mr. Joiner asked if the IRC needed to discuss the difference between the CO detector amendment and what was being sent through legislation.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to add wording “living area” and amend the recommended amendment for R 315.2.1 and R 315.2.2. The **motion was seconded** by Mr. Stephen Laughlin. Discussion continued. There was no objections to the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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A motion was made by Mr. Chester Cabirac to put the exception back into the IRC for P2502.2. The verbiage noted by Ms. Dadakis, Section P2502.2 Exception – Repairs to the drainage system via re-route add it back in as an amendment. Then in the first sentence “In the case where it is determined there is a broken, add the word “active”, underground drain line. See Page 9 at the bottom of the handout. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Jake Causey. The floor was open for discussion. The committee had voted to remove the amendment however to have the IRC and IPC match it was voted back in by the Technical Committee. A roll call vote was taken by the Technical Committee members present. The vote was 10 yes, 0 Nays. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Appendix G explanation and definition, Mr. Bobby Byrd gave the definition of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Page 6 of the handout provided to the Technical Committee Members.

A motion was made by Mr. Jake Causey to adopt the IRC with corrections. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Scott Masterson. The floor was open for discussion. There were no objections to **the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The committee took a brief break.

4. Discussion and presentations of proposed 2021 IRC Section R 602.10 Wall Bracing amendment.

Ms. Dadakis opened the floor discussion on Table R 602.10 and R 602.12. She asked Mr. Bobby Byrd to explain what has been proposed for the Technical Committee to consider. The proposal came from the City of Youngsville and their request for the committee to consider of a certain wall bracing. Mr. Bobby Parks was asked to please come to the table to provide the proposed amendment. Mr. Parks explained why the changes and wording of the proposal was being made to the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Parnell to table discussion of the proposal for further research. **There was no second and the motion failed.**

Floor discussion continued.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Masterson to adopt the table as written. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Gerard Rinchuso. The floor was opened for discussion. After a lengthy discussion, the Technical Chair Ms. Dadakis asked for a roll call vote. The roll call vote reflected 6 Yes, 1 Nay, 2 Abstained. One absence was recorded on the roll call vote. **The motion passed.**

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5. Discussion and presentations of proposed 2021 International Building/International Existing Building Codes amendments.

Ms. Dadakis gave a brief overview of the work from the IBC/IEBC committee.

Mr. Parnell asked to Page 2 Section 903.2.8 Group R

A **motion was made** by Mr. Eric Parnell to reword and offer a correction to the amendment made by the committee for clarification. Amendment to 903.2.8 Group R #2 that the entire building shall be smoke protected with a smoke detection system in accordance with NFPA 72 and in accordance with Section 907. **The motion was seconded by Mr. Chester Cabirac.** The floor was open for discussion. There was no objection to the motion. **The motion passed.**

Ms. Dadakis continued briefing the Technical Committee on the amendments proposed by the IBC/IEBC Review Committee per the amendment handout provided to the committee members.

Ms. Dadakis requested that those who signed up to speak and offer comments to the Technical Committee concerning the amendments proposed by the IBC/IEBC Committee to come forward one by one. This included the concerns and issues brought forth by several members of the public comment group concerning sprinkler system amendments in the IBC vs the life safety code, especially in daycares and education.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Eric Parnell to adopt the proposed amendments from the 2021 IBC/IEBC Committee, as written. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Scott Masterson. The chair, Ms. Dadakis, asked for a roll call vote. The vote reflected 9 Yes, 0 Nays. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The committee took a brief break.

6. Discussion and presentations of proposed 2021 International Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas Codes amendments.

Ms. Dadakis welcomed the group back and opened the floor for discussion. She requested that those individuals that signed up for comment, to please come to the table at the time their discussion item was brought forth by the committee. Ms. Dadakis then turned the discussion over to Mr. Roy Young to go over the proposed amendments sent forward from the 2021 IPC/IMC/IFGC Committee.

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Mr. Roy Young read each one of the proposed amendments and changes to the Technical Committee and the public attending. The floor was open for discussion if there was a question from the committee or the public in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. Marty Campbell to adopt the current table and add/keep Footnotes for Table 909.1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephen Laughlin. There was no objection to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A public comment was made concerning the press connect fittings in the 2021 IMC. There was an extensive discussion from members of the committee and also those attending in the public.

A motion was made by Mr. Bobby Byrd to adopt the 2021 IPC Amendments with the Technical Committee amendment changes. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Chester Cabirac. There was **no objection to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Chester Cabirac to adopt the 2021 IMC Amendments as written. **The motion was seconded** by Mr. Bobby Byrd. There was **no objection to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Marty Campbell to adopt the 2021 IFGC Amendments with the Technical Committee amendment changes. **The motion was seconded** by Stephen Laughlin. There was **no objection to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. **The motion was made by Scott Masterson and seconded by Eric Parnell.** There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM

END OF MINUTES