

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council
August 29th, 2023
10:00 A.M.
8181 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed all present and **called the meeting to order at 11:49 AM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chair, Mr. Roy Young, requested a roll call of the members which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. Visser; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Causey; Mr. Giron; Mr. Heier; Mr. Masterson; Mr. McShan; Mr. Young; Mr. B. Byrd; Ms. T. Byrd; Ms. Dadakis; Mr. Miller; Mr. Rinchuso;

Members Absent: Mr. Keenan Glover; Mr. Wood; Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Browning; Mr. Parnell; Ms. Peers; Mr. Wallis

Excused absence: Mr. Keenan Glover; Mr. Wood; Mr. Laughlin; Mr. Browning; Mr. Parnell; Ms. Peers; Mr. Wallis

A total of 13 members present, 7 members absent constitute a Quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of the Minutes from the June 6th, 2023, meeting.

A **motion was made** by Mr. Jake Causey to accept the minutes from the June 6th, 2023, meeting as written. Mr. Marty Campbell **seconded the motion**. There were no objections to the motion and **the minutes were accepted as presented**.

2. Next LSUCCC Meeting TBA.

The next LSUCCC Meeting will be September 12th, 2023.

3. Technical Code Study and Advisory Committee Report (Jackie Dadakis)

Ms. Dadakis informed the council of the updates from the Technical Code Study and Advisor Committee, that met prior to the LSUCCC meeting. Any proposals that were adopted by the Technical Code Committee will be moved to the council for consideration the next scheduled meeting. There were several issues that are still to be addressed by the committee prior to bringing all the adopted proposals to the council for consideration. There are some other concerns and issues that have been brought forth that will be address during the next code cycle.

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Mr. Rick Kinzel, Coburn Supply, brought to the attention of the council that there is a question about the burying of duct work under the insulation. The motion was that duct work was not to be buried but did this include not being able to burying the boxes in the ceiling. There was discussion on the last 3 feet, to account for the boxes. He was not sure if this was ever brought forth as a motion. Ms. Dadakis stated that Mr. Joiner would go back and check the recordings of the ECC meetings to see if this was brought back up for a motion and vote.

4. Grant award announcement (Jackie Dadakis)

Ms. Dadakis announced the grant that has been awarded to the state to help with training for the new energy code. She and Mr. Joiner talked about the time frame of the funding that will be coming available and when training would begin around the state.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion of proposed amendments from Technical Committee (Jackie Dadakis)

Mr. Joiner asked to table all the discussion of the proposed amendments from the Technical Committee until the next meeting in order to have time to do some more writing and also discussion of those items that are still outstanding.

2. Discussion on possible need of a Task Force to review Fortified construction (Roy Young)

Mr. Young stated that the Fortified construction is known as a preferred practice and he suggested forming a task force to look into it further. Mr. Joiner suggested turning the matter over to the Technical Committee to form the task force since Fortified is going to be a topic during the next legislative session.

Fortified is not required by the code. They use verifiers and not inspectors to determine if the construction meets the definition of fortified. Discussion continued that included concern for the cost that this preferred practice of building may pass on to the homeowner.

3. Comments from LSUCCC chairman and LSUCCC Administrator.

Mr. Joiner spoke on the AHJ and Building Officials to handle issues within their jurisdiction. He could not be the referee or make the decision for the AHJ. Also, AHJ's needed to make a decision on how they were going to handle the new energy code. Mr. Joiner asked if some of the funding from the grant could be used to create and offer a module that could assist the local building officials with determining compliance.

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Mr. Joiner also spoke on Energy Star vs R-8 Insulation. There was discussion between members of the council and those in the public concerning the adoption of R-8 insulation. Mr. Joiner stated that Energy Star allows for R-6, if you compensate in other areas. This has caused some interpretation issues in the field and with building officials across the state.

Mr. Joiner spoke to those present about the importance of keeping up with their LSUCCC Registrations from yearly renewals, making sure new employee hires are properly register, notification of employees leaving employment, and also keeping registrations updated for new certifications are received. This should be done throughout the year, not just at the time of renewal.

Those present, from the public, were informed by Mr. Joiner that the council would be moving to executive session. He asked if everyone, other than the council members, would please leave the room and proceed to the front lobby area of the building. He also stated that there would not be any more discussion by the council after the executive session, if the members of the public would like to leave for the day.

4. Executive Session to update LSUCCC members on complaint status.

A motion was made to move to executive session by Ms. Jackie Dadakis. The **motion was seconded** by a Mr. Bobby Byrd. There were no objections, the **motion passed unanimously**.

The council went into Executive Session at 12:25 PM. The council returned from Executive Session at 12:35.

With no other items on the agenda or discussion, **a motion was made** by Mr. Bobby Byrd to adjourn. Mr. Scott Masterson **seconded the motion**. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 AM.

END OF MINUTES