

LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION
CODE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2025

The regular meeting of the Code Council was called to order by Brad Hassert, Executive Director of LSUCCC, on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 8:55 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:	Jason Aycock
	Juliette Cassagne
	Trent Clark
	Jackie Dadakis
	Jay Dufour
	James Edwards
	Kenneth Jones
	Bryan Knost
	Nic LeBlanc
	Pat McCormick
	PJ Odom
	Charles Visser

Members Michael Wich and Andre Ford were absent. Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Members Jackie Dadakis, Jay Dufour, PJ Odom, and Charles Visser were given their oath of office to serve as LSUCCC council members. The remaining council members in attendance were given their oath of office prior roll call at the previously scheduled council meeting to be held on August 12, 2025. After roll call and being that no quorum was established, subsequently, the August 12, 2025, council meeting was canceled.

Mr. Dufour led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

E. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Hassert asked the council to open for discussion agenda item E for the election of officers for the code council. Mr. Edwards nominated Nic LeBlanc to serve as Chairman for the code council. Mr. Hassert asked for any other nominations, for which there were none. Mr. Hassert asked if there was any opposition to the nomination, which there were none. Mr. LeBlanc was elected as the Chairman for the LSUCCC Code Council.

Mr. Edwards nominated Trent Clark to serve as Vice Chairman for the code council. Mr. Hassert asked for any other nominations, for which there were none. Mr. Hassert asked if there was any opposition to the nomination, which there were none. Mr. Clark was elected as the Vice Chairman for the LSUCCC Code Council.

Mr. Edwards nominated Juliette Cassagne to serve as Secretary for the code council. Mr. Hassert asked for any other nominations, for which there were none. Mr. Hassert asked if there was any opposition to the nomination, which there were none. Ms. Cassagne was elected as the Secretary for the LSUCCC Code Council.

Mr. LeBlanc nominated Pat McCormick to serve as Treasurer for the code council. Mr. Hassert asked for any other nominations, for which there were none. Mr. Hassert asked if there was any opposition to the nomination, which there were none. Mr. McCormick was elected as the Treasurer for the LSUCCC Code Council.

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 8, 2025, LSUCCC MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Leblanc, newly elected Chairman for the code council, addressed those in attendance and brought forward agenda item A for consideration. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 8, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Odom seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hassert requested that agenda items F, G, and J be heard prior to the other agenda items.

F. LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item F for discussion. No one was present on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Insurance. Mr. Hassert requested this matter to be continued until such time a representative of the Louisiana Department of Insurance makes an appearance before the council. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

G. CONVEYANCE DEVICES

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item G for discussion. Mr. McClintock, Director of Licensing with the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal addressed the council regarding regulations for conveyance devices and adopting reference standards for the Louisiana Administrative Code with regard to the 2021 International Existing Building Code. Ms. Dadakis and Mr. Edwards requested clarification from Mr. McClintock on this matter being brought before the council. Mr. Jones and Mr. LeBlanc gave their thoughts on this matter. Joe Delaune, with Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal, also addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. Hassert recommended to the council to postpone this matter until the next council meeting to prepare the proper language for a vote. Mr. Jones made a motion to postpone this matter until the next council meeting. Ms. Dadakis seconded. The motion passed. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

J. FORTIFIED ROOFS DISCUSSION

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item J for discussion. Michael Schultz, owner of Roof Management Solutions LLC, who is also with International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants (IIBEC), addressed the council regarding fortified roofs and requested the council to make fortified roofs the construction code standard for roofing for the state of Louisiana. Mr. LeBlanc questioned Mr. Schultz and addressed the council with his thoughts on this matter. Mr. Clark, Mr. Edwards, and Ms. Dadakis also provided their thoughts relating to the fortified roof standards compared to the current roofing standards for Louisiana. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

I. 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. SB 489, Act 534 Discussion

Mr. Hassert requested for agenda I to be heard next and Mr. LeBlanc brought this matter forward for discussion. Mr. Delaune, with Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (OFM), addressed the council regarding SB 489, Act 534, which becomes effective on July 1, 2026, and the council's coordination with OFM to adopt the 2024 International Building Code and the International Existing Building Code to align with the 2024 International Fire Code. Ms. Dadakis requested clarification from Mr. Delaune on this matter. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

H. 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Act 120, SB 228

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward the matter regarding Act 120, Senate Bill 228, for discussion. Mr. LeBlanc thanked Mr. Hassert and the staff of LSLBC for their efforts in coordinating the transition of LSUCCC from the purview of the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal to the purview of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding Act 120, SB 228, which became effective on August 1, 2025. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

2. Act 239, HB 85

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward the matter regarding Act 239, House Bill 85, for discussion. Mr. LeBlanc addressed the council and asked for any comments from the council or the public regarding this matter. With no comments made, this matter concluded.

3. SR200 and HR382

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward the matter regarding Senate Resolution 200 and House Resolution 382 for discussion. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. LeBlanc also addressed the council and recommended establishing a committee to research the fortified roof building standard for its possible adoption as the Louisiana standard for roofing. Mr. LeBlanc also asked for a volunteer from the council to act as the Chairman of this committee. Ms. Dadakis volunteered to act as Chairman of the committee, called **Fortified Task Force** for 2025. Ms. Dadakis reminded the council that a Fortified Task Force committee was previously created in 2024 and had recommended their findings to the council in the previous year. That task force was subsequently dissolved in 2024 with the conclusion of their findings to the council. Ms. Dadakis addressed the council relating to the new Fortified Task Force for 2025. Mr. McCormick also volunteered to serve on the new Fortified Task Force committee. Mr. LeBlanc gave a closing statement on this matter. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

K. PROVISIONAL F REGISTRATION:

1. Katherine Whitney Stone – Building Plans Examiner

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item K for discussion. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding this matter in relation to Provisional F Registrations in general and their approval process. Mr. Hassert proposed that applicants for provisional F registrations should be reviewed and decided by the council at the next scheduled council meeting. Mr. LeBlanc addressed the council with his thoughts on this matter. Mr. Edwards also addressed the council on his thoughts on this matter and recommended giving the ability to grant provisional F registrations to LSUCCC staff when all requirements are met. Mr. Jones made a motion to delegate to staff the authority to grant provisional registrations when all requirements are met. Mr. Dufour seconded. The motion passed.

D. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item D for discussion. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding the council's By-Laws and the consideration to rescind the council's By-Laws at the next council meeting. Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Edwards gave their thoughts on this matter. Mr. Hassert then addressed the council regarding the statute requiring two-thirds of a vote of the council to effectuate a vote. Mr. Hassert also recommended other statutory changes to be considered at a later date. Mr. Hassert also proposed a possible standardized permitting process to be utilized across the state of Louisiana. Mr. Hassert recommended to the council a consistent meeting date to be set, with a recommendation of the first Tuesday of every month. Mr. LeBlanc and Ms. Dadakis gave their thoughts on this matter. Mr. Visser made a motion to set regular council meetings for the first Tuesday of the month, without an end date, with a start time of 9:30 a.m. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Hassert asked the Chairman to set the council meetings to monthly meetings for the foreseeable future. Mr. LeBlanc agreed and set the council meetings to monthly meetings without an end date. Mr. Hassert then requested that a Chairman of the Technical Code and Advisory Committee be selected or appointed at this time and recommended Ms. Dadakis to serve in this role. Mr. LeBlanc appointed Ms. Jackie Dadakis as the Chairman of the Technical Code and Advisory Committee. Ms. Dadakis addressed the council regarding the technical committee's purpose and upcoming responsibilities of the code review committees. A discussion was also held regarding virtual meetings. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item C for discussion. Jacob Weaver, building official with Lafayette Parish Government and President Elect of Building Officials Association of Louisiana (BOAL), came forward to address the council. Mr. Weaver congratulated the council members on their appointments and that he looked forward to working with the council on any future cooperative

endeavors. Mr. Weaver suggested more LSUCCC training classes be given regarding the construction code, provided his thoughts on the possibility of the implementation of fees by LSUCCC, and the new statutory changes relating to residential roofing. Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Hassert gave their thoughts on Mr. Weaver's comments to the council.

William "Billy" McShan, with Vernon Parish, came forward and addressed the council. Mr. McShan provided his thoughts on the possibility of standardizing the permitting process. Mr. McShan also addressed the council regarding the adoption of Chapter 1 of construction code in each jurisdiction and what happens when a jurisdiction does not adopt Chapter 1 in their area. Mr. LeBlanc, Ms. Dadakis, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Hassert gave their thoughts on Mr. McShan's comments to the council.

Danika Gorrondona, with the city of Gretna, also came forward and addressed the council regarding the possibility of standardizing the permitting process. Ms. Gorrondona mentioned the different nuances for each jurisdiction relating to the planning and zoning dynamic, historic dynamic, and floodplain management dynamic that will need to be considered when discussing a standardized permitting process for the state of Louisiana. Mr. Hassert, Mr. LeBlanc, and Mr. Clark gave their thoughts on Ms. Gorrondona's comments to the council. Mr. Weaver came forward and addressed Mr. Clark's comments on this matter.

Diane Baum, with Baum Environmental Group, Inc., came forward and addressed the council regarding third-party providers. Ms. Baum, who is registered with LSUCCC as a third-party provider, suggested increasing awareness to jurisdictions for the use third-party providers when the jurisdiction may not be able to hire their own building code enforcement officers for inspections and plan reviews. Mr. Hassert gave his thoughts on Ms. Baum's comments to the council. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LeBlanc called for an adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., and Ms. Dadakis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Nic Leblanc, Chairman



Juliette Cassagne, Secretary