

LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION

CODE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Code Council was called to order by Nic LeBlanc, Chairman of LSUCCC, on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 9:31 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Council present:

- Nic LeBlanc, Chairman
- Jason Aycock
- Juliette Cassagne
- Trent Clark
- Jay Dufour
- James Edwards
- Fritz Embaugh
- Andre Ford
- Kenneth Jones
- Bryan Knost
- Pat McCormick
- PJ Odom
- Rodney Taylor
- Charles Visser
- Michael Wich

Member, Jackie Dadakis, was absent. Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began. Prior to the start of the meeting, Andre Ford, Fritz Embaugh, Rodney Taylor, and Michael Wich were given their oaths of office to serve as LSUCCC council members.

Mr. Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. LeBlanc welcomed the newly appointed council members to their first code council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 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. Embaugh had a question for the council regarding the meeting minutes. Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Hassert responded to Mr. Embaugh's question. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the Minutes of the September 26, 2025, regular meeting. Ms. Cassagne seconded. The motion passed.

B. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Hassert addressed the council and welcomed the recently appointed council members to their first code council meeting. Mr. LeBlanc questioned Mr. Hassert regarding Commissioner Tim Temple's possible attendance of the council meetings. Mr. Hassert responded to Mr. LeBlanc's question stating that Mr. Temple, or his representative, may be attending future council meetings.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item C and opened the floor for public comment for non-agenda items. Mike Smith, with the air conditioning community, came forward and addressed the council regarding Louisiana's 2021 International Mechanical Code in relation to press fittings for A2L refrigerants and provided a handout/information to the council members. Mr. LeBlanc gave his thoughts on this matter. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

Mr. LeBlanc opened the floor to Brad Hassert, Executive Director for LSUCCC, to discuss short-term goals for the code council.

Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding some short-term goals of LSUCCC relating to licensure for the code enforcement officers, proposing legislative changes to give the council more authority as a standalone council, and additional training for code enforcement officers. Mr. Hassert also asked the council's guidance by sharing their thoughts, goals, or changes they would like to achieve while serving as a council member.

Mr. LeBlanc addressed the council regarding the technical committees. Mr. LeBlanc stated that his short-term goal is to establish the code review committees for the next code review cycle and to make changes to the code review process to streamline the code review process. Mr. LeBlanc also addressed the council regarding the consideration of implementing a fee to be utilized for LSUCCC's funding. Mr. Wich and Mr. Jones both addressed the council regarding this matter and will work with Mr. Hassert to provide estimates of number of permits issued across the state of Louisiana as it relates to implementation of a fee.

Mr. Wich addressed the council regarding the adoption of 2024 code by the January 1, 2027, deadline. Mr. LeBlanc gave his thoughts on this matter and stated that the goal is to have the 2024 ICC code adopted well before the deadline to allow for training and implementation. Mark Roberts, with the International Code Council, addressed the council regarding this matter and reminded the council that Chapter 11 of the 2021 International Building Code must be reviewed, amended, and effective by July 1, 2026. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

D. CONVEYANCE DEVICES

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item D. Mr. McClintock, with the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal, was not present; however, Mr. LeBlanc addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. LeBlanc stated that he reviewed the proposed language provided by Mr. McClintock in relation to adopting reference standards for the Louisiana Administrative Code regarding the 2021 International Existing Building Code. Mr. LeBlanc stated that the language needs to be restructured, and the process clarified. Mr. LeBlanc also stated that he will be overseeing this matter for the council's review at a future council meeting. Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hassert, and Mr. Visser gave their thoughts on this matter. Mr. Edwards made a motion to table this matter to an unspecified date. Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously. With no further comments made, this matter concluded.

E. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2025-01

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item E for discussion. Mr. LeBlanc presented Resolution 2025-01 to the council, which will grant Mr. Hassert, or his designee, the authority to approve Provisional F registrations when all requirements are met. With no comments from the council or the public, Mr. Wich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01. Mr. Knost seconded. The motion passed.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item F for discussion. Mr. Hassert had no new report; however, Mr. Hassert asked for a general discussion of the council's short-term or long-term goals.

Mr. LeBlanc addressed staff regarding obtaining copies of the 2024 ICC code books and 2023 NEC code book for the Technical Committees. Mr. Hassert stated that digital copies of the books are being discussed with the Louisiana representatives of the International Code Council. Mr. Edwards addressed the council regarding the digital version of the books. Mr. Roberts also addressed the council regarding the 2024 ICC code books and the 2021 Louisiana Amended ICC codes. Mr. LeBlanc asked about timelines for ICC to implement 2024 Louisiana amendments. Mr. Roberts suggested three to six months for publication.

Mr. Wich addressed the council regarding LSUCCC implementing comprehensive training classes to the industry and not just to code officials. Mr. Hassert and Mr. LeBlanc gave their support in implementing additional training classes in the future. Mr. Dufour addressed the council regarding the effective date for the ICC codes in relation to the permit process. Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Hassert, and Mr. Roberts gave their

thoughts on this matter. Mr. LeBlanc brought forward the matter relating to the number of council member votes required to make any official decision. Mr. Wich responded by stating that the statute requires two-thirds vote of the members in attendance to make an official decision. Mr. Hassert also responded and suggested changing the statute to require a majority vote of the council in attendance to make an official decision. With no further comments from the council or the public, this matter was closed.

No Executive Session was called.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LeBlanc called for an adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Cassagne made a motion to adjourn at 10:22 a.m., and Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Nic Leblanc, Chairman



Juliette Cassagne, Secretary