

LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION

CODE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the Code Council was called to order by Trent Clark, Vice Chairman of LSUCCC, on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Council present:

- Trent Clark, Vice Chairman
- Jason Aycock
- Juliette Cassagne
- Jackie Dadakis
- Jay Dufour
- James Edwards
- Fritz Embaugh
- Andre Ford
- Kenneth Jones
- PJ Odom
- Rodney Taylor
- Charles Visser
- Michael Wich

Chairman, Nic LeBlanc, and members, Bryan Knost and Pat McCormick, were absent. Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Mr. Aycock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2025, LSUCCC MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Clark brought forward agenda item A for consideration. Ms. Cassagne made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes of the December 2, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Embaugh seconded. The motion passed.

B. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Clark brought forward agenda item B and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert, Executive Director. Mr. Hassert welcomed the council and audience to the meeting. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. Clark brought forward agenda item C and opened the floor for public comment for non-agenda items. With no comments made, this matter concluded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. IBC CHAPTER 11 ACCESSIBILITY – Ms. Juliette Cassagne

1. Summary of Changes to Rule 103, International Building Code

Mr. Clark brought forward agenda item D. and opened the floor to Ms. Cassagne. Ms. Cassagne presented to the council the proposed suggested changes with the specific language to amend Rule 103 and referred to the Summary of Changes to Rule 103 document within the Council Meeting Handout that was provided to the council to review. Ms. Cassagne stated that these proposed changes will be before the council for a vote at the February 3, 2026, council meeting. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Wich also addressed the council regarding this matter. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

NEW BUSINESS

E. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Clark brought forward agenda item E and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding some issues with the Code Review Committees. Mr. Wich addressed the council regarding the NEC code review committee and also requested access to view the Significant Changes portion in the digital ICC codes. Ms. Dadakis and Mr. Embaugh also addressed the council regarding access to the Significant Changes. Ms. Alexis Kyman, who is with the ICC, came forward and stated that LSUCCC's Enterprise group should already have access to the Significant Changes and she will look into this matter to get this resolved. Ms. Dadakis also requested a representative from ICC to attend each of the code review committee meetings to assist in the code review process. Ms. Kyman stated that there will be a representative of ICC present at these meetings to assist in this process. The council also discussed the code review committee's meeting dates and times.

Mr. Hassert stated that LSLBC has hired general counsel, Kevin Landreneau, who will also represent LSUCCC, and LSLBC has hired a prosecutor, who will also be the prosecutor for LSUCCC in future disciplinary matters. Mr. Hassert stated there will be a presentation by general counsel at the next meeting regarding the promulgation of rule process and the process for updating statutes. Mr. Hassert also addressed the council regarding proposed statute changes that will be brought before the council for review and discussed key items being proposed with these changes. Mr. Wich asked Mr. Hassert for an update on the matter relating to Kurt Cavalier, a third-party provider, to which Mr. Hassert provided an update on this matter.

Mr. Edwards discussed having Mr. Hassert provide a list to the council of key items for staff to prioritize on the council's behalf and the council can provide some feedback to these items. Mr. Hassert responded by listing staff's current priority items, which are statute changes and the code review committees. Mr. Hassert stated that meeting the deadline for the code review cycle for the 2024 I-codes and 2023 NEC code is a priority for staff. Mr. Hassert stated that updating the language in LSUCCC's statutes is the other priority specifically relating to the council's authority, funding, implementing a statewide permitting system to assist the insurance industry in collecting permitting data, and changing the registration for LSUCCC to an occupational license. Mr. Odom asked Mr. Hassert to provide an update on the statewide permitting system to which Mr. Hassert provided an update on this matter. Mr. Dufour asked Mr. Hassert for clarification on disciplinary hearing procedures. Mr. Hassert and Mr. Wich responded to Mr. Dufour's questions.

No Executive Session was called.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Clark called for an adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Embaugh made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 a.m., and Ms. Cassagne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Trent Clark, Vice Chairman



Juliette Cassagne, Secretary