LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2026

The regular meeting of the Code Council was called to order by Nic LeBlanc, Chairman of LSUCCC, on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Council present:

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

Member, Andre Ford, was absent. While not present for roll call, Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Mr. McCormick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE JANUARY 6, 2026, LSUCCC MEETING MINUTES

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item A for consideration. Mr. Embaugh made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes of the January 6, 2026, regular meeting. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed.

B. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. LeBlanc 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. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item C and opened the floor for public comment for non-agenda items. Ms. Anna Ghelase came forward and addressed the council regarding concerns with the state's current healthcare code. Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Hassert, and Mr. Edwards responded to Ms. Ghelase's comments. With no comments made, this matter concluded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. IBC CHAPTER 11 ACCESSIBILITY – Mr. Nic LeBlanc

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

   Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item D. Mr. LeBlanc presented to the council 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 at the previous council meeting. Mr. Wich made a motion to adopt the proposed language to amend Rule 103. Ms. Dadakis seconded. The motion passed unanimously. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

NEW BUSINESS

E. LHBA SUPPORT FOR WIND MITIGATION TASK FORCE

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item E. Mr. Bruce Layburn, with the Louisiana Home Builders Association (LHBA) of Greater New Orleans, came forward and addressed the council regarding the Wind Mitigation Task Force and its mission. Mr. Layburn also addressed the council regarding the recent residential roofing changes and the impact of these changes on the consumer and the insurance industry. Mr. LeBlanc commented on Mr. Layburn's presentation and stated that the council will be reviewing the current Wind Mitigation Surveyor qualification requirements. Ms. Dadakis inquired about updates to the Louisiana Hurricane Loss Mitigation Survey Form, and Mr. Layburn provided an update regarding the form. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

F. PRESENTATION BY GENERAL COUNSEL – Mr. Kevin Landreneau

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item F and opened the floor to Attorney Kevin Landreneau, general counsel for LSUCCC. Mr. Landreneau addressed the council regarding legislative statutes and the rules and regulations in the Louisiana Administrative Code for the council. Ms. Cassagne requested that Mr. Landreneau explain the two separate processes for amending the council's statutes through the legislature and its Rules and Regulations through the Louisiana Register. Mr. Landreneau provided an explanation of the two processes. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

G. COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item G and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding this matter and asked the council to consider repealing the council's Bylaws when reviewing the proposed revised statutes for LSUCCC. Mr. Landreneau also addressed the council regarding its current bylaws and proposed their repeal on the grounds that they are redundant. Mr. Embaugh raised a question to Mr. Landreneau on this matter, and Mr. Landreneau provided a response. Mr. Landreneau further stated that any language contained in the current bylaws that is not included in LSUCCC's statutes or rules should be incorporated. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to amend the agenda to add the agenda item, Wind Mitigation Surveyor Qualifications, which will be heard prior to the agenda item, LSUCCC – Proposed Revised Statutes. Mr. Wich seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

H. WIND MITIGATION SURVEYOR QUALIFICATIONS

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward this new agenda item, which is now agenda item H, and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert addressed the council and stated that there is conflicting information between the Department of Insurance's approved persons who can complete a Louisiana Hurricane Loss Mitigation Survey Form when compared to LSUCCC's approved persons who can act as a registered Wind Mitigation Surveyor and also the qualifications to become a wind mitigation surveyor. Mr. Wich addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. Ashley Van Der Meulen, co-chair of the Wind Mitigation Task Force and is a registered wind mitigation surveyor, came forward and addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. LeBlanc commented on Mr. Van Der Meulen's and Mr. Wich's comments. Mr. Hassert recommended having a discussion at this council meeting to clarify the qualifications that are required to become a registered wind mitigation surveyor with LSLBC. Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Embaugh, Mr. Wich, and Ms. Dadakis responded to Mr. Hassert's suggestion. Mr. Landreneau also commented on this matter. Mr. Hassert then suggested that Mr. Embaugh, Ms. Dadakis, and Mr. Wich collaborate over the next few weeks to develop proposed language to amend the current rule concerning the Wind Mitigation Surveyor qualifications and present the proposed language to the council. Mr. Embaugh, Ms. Dadakis, and Mr. Wich agreed to this suggestion. Mr. Bill Hatchett, co-chair of the Wind Mitigation Task Force, also came forward and addressed the council regarding the wind mitigation survey program. Ms. Dadakis responded to Mr. Hatchett's comments and thanked him for coming forward and addressing the council. Mr. Landreneau asked Mr. Hatchett a question regarding the wind mitigation survey program and Mr. Hatchett responded. Mr. Wich also responded to Mr. Landreneau's question. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

I. LSUCCC – PROPOSED REVISED STATUTES

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item I and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding the draft of the proposed revised statutes for LSUCCC, which has been sent to the council for their review. Mr. Hassert stated that the early filing deadline to present LSUCCC's proposed revised statutes to the legislature is Friday, February 27, 2026. Mr. Hassert discussed some key items being proposed in the statutes. Mr. Hassert also mentioned providing training to building officials of the upcoming codes. Ms. Dadakis, Mr. Mark Roberts of the International Code Council, and Mr. Wich commented on the training of building officials. Mr. Hassert clarified the proposed registration or licensing fees within draft of the proposed revised statutes.

Mr. LeBlanc proposed creating a Legislative Committee to review and finalize the proposed revised statutes for LSUCCC. Mr. Hassert and Mr. Embaugh commented on this proposal to create a Legislative Committee within the council. Ms. Michelle Shirley, representative of LHBA, came forwarded and addressed the council regarding the deadlines for filing the proposed revised statutes. Mr. Wich also commented on the proposed Legislative Committee and volunteered to serve on the committee. Ms. Dadakis also volunteered to serve on the committee. Ms. Cassagne made a motion for the council members to submit all questions, comments, feedback, etc. on the draft language of the proposed revised statutes for LSUCCC to Ms. Revette by close-of-business on Monday, February 9, 2026. Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Jones made a motion to establish a five-member Legislative Committee to review and finalize the proposed revised statutes for LSUCCC prior to the filing deadline with legislature. Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Van Der Meulen both came forward and commented on this action taken by the council. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

J. STAFF REPORT

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item J and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert had no new report. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

No Executive Session was called.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LeBlanc called for an adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Dadakis made a motion to adjourn at 11:18 a.m., and Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Nic LeBlanc, Chairman

Juliette Cassagne, Secretary