

# **LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE COUNCIL**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**April 7, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Code Council was called to order by Nic LeBlanc, Chairman of LSUCCC, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Council present:

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| 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             |

Council members Andre Ford and Michael Wich were absent. Council member James Edwards was not present at roll call but later arrived at 9:41 a.m. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Mr. LeBlanc led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH 3, 2026, LSUCCC MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item A for consideration. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the March 3, 2026, regular meeting. Ms. Dadakis 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. Kenneth Conerly with Khan's Codes & Standards, LLC came forward and provided comments to the council regarding HB 1186. The Honorable Representative Foy Gadberry also came forward and provided comments on HB 1186. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **D. WIND MITIGATION SURVEYOR QUALIFICATIONS – Mr. Nic LeBlanc**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item D and requested an update from Ms. Dadakis. Ms. Dadakis addressed the council regarding the proposed language to amend Rule 705, which was included in the [Council Meeting Handout](#) that was provided to the council members and the public. Mr. Bruce Layburn, with the Louisiana Home Builders Association (LHBA) of Greater New Orleans, came forward and addressed the council on this matter. Ms. Cassagne asked Mr. Layburn if he has any comments or feedback on the proposed language that the council needs to take into consideration as this process moves forward. Mr. Layburn stated that the Wind Mitigation Task Force has reviewed proposed language and they are happy with the language as it is written. Ms. Revette also addressed the council regarding the currently registered wind mitigation

surveyors. Mr. Layburn also commented on HB 1186. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

**E. RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION NO. 53-2025 ADOPTED BY THE BEAUREGARD PARISH POLICE JURY – Mr. Nic LeBlanc**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item E. and stated that he will be responding to the Beauregard Parish Policy Jury relating to their Resolution No. 53-2025 on behalf of the council this month. With no comments made, this matter was concluded.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**F. FORMAL CODE INTERPRETATION OR APPEAL PROCESS DISCUSSION – Mr. Nic LeBlanc**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item F. and addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. LeBlanc stated that it is not one of the tasks of the council in the revised statutes to hear matters of a formal code interpretation or formulate a process to appeal a code interpretation. Mr. LeBlanc also stated that the law already covers for this to be handled on the local level within the jurisdiction. Mr. Edwards voiced his agreement with Mr. LeBlanc's statements. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

**G. 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION DISCUSSION – Mr. Brad Hassert**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item G. and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. For these matters, a copy of the senate bill and the house bills are included in the [Council Meeting Handout](#) that was provided to the council members and the public. Mr. Hassert provided summaries and updates on these bills. Mr. Hassert also provided his staff report to the council while on this agenda item. Representative Gadberry came forward and addressed the council regarding his bill, HB 1026. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

**H. STAFF REPORT – Mr. Brad Hassert**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item H. and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert had nothing further to add beyond what was discussed under agenda item G. 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 9:57 a.m., and Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Nic LeBlanc, Chairman



Juliette Cassagne, Secretary