LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the Code Council was called to order by Nic LeBlanc, chairman of LSUCCC, on Tuesday, July 7, 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
Jay Dufour
James Edwards
Fritz Embaugh
Kenneth Jones
Bryan Knost
Pat McCormick
PJ Odom
Rodney Taylor
Charles Visser
Michael Wich

Council members Jason Aycock, Juliette Cassagne, Jackie Dadakis, and Andre Ford were absent. There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Mr. LeBlanc led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY 5, 2026, LSUCCC MEETING MINUTES

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item A for consideration. Mr. Visser made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the May 5, 2026, regular meeting. Mr. McCormick 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. With no comments made, this matter was concluded.

NEW BUSINESS

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item D. and addressed the council regarding the consent agenda. Mr. LeBlanc removed agenda item D. i), relating to the **Proposed Language for Rule 117, International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2024 Edition,** from the consent agenda in order to hear this matter separately from the remainder of the consent agenda. From the audience, Mr. Billy McShan and Ms. Carol Friedland both came forward and provided comments on the proposed language currently under consideration. Once public comments were concluded, Mr. LeBlanc called for a vote to approve the items under the consent agenda, specifically items D. a) through D. h). Mr. Wich made a motion to approve items D. a) through D. h) under the consent agenda relative to the proposed language for Rules 101 – 115. Mr. Clark seconded. After a roll call vote was held, the motion passed with 12 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 4 members were absent.

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item D. i), **Proposed Language for Rule 117, International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2024 Edition,** and addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. Billy McShan came forward and provided a comment on the proposed language currently under consideration. Mr. LeBlance addressed the council and proposed repealing section R403.6.5 of the IECC (N1103.6.4 of the IRC) and section R408 of the IECC (N1108 of the IRC). Mr. Wich addressed the council and gave his support for the proposed change made by Mr. LeBlanc. Mr. Bill Poisson came forward and provided a comment on the proposed change. Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to repeal section R403.6.5 of the IECC (N1103.6.4 of the IRC), repeal section R408 of the IECC (N1108 of the IRC), and adopt the remaining proposed language for Rule 117 as typed. After a roll call vote was held, the motion passed with 12 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 4 members were absent. With no comments made, this matter was concluded.

E. MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTALLATION INSPECTOR CLASSIFICATION

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item E. and addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. LeBlanc proposed language to amend Rule 703 (LAC 55:VI.703) to add subsection (e) under Specialty Classifications relative to creating a new classification subcategory heading of "Manufactured Housing Inspectors", creating the new classification called "Manufactured Housing Installation Inspector", and the classification's qualification requirement. Mr. Hassert also addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to approve and adopt the proposed language as provided. Mr. Wich seconded. The motion passed unanimously. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

F. ACT 881 (HB 1186) DISCUSSION

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item F. and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding Act 881 (HB 1186) and a few of the key changes with Act 881 that will be effective on August 1, 2026, and the financial aspect effective January 1, 2027. With no comments made, this matter was concluded.

G. RESOLUTION 2026-01: PERMIT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE AMOUNT FOR THE 2027 CALENDAR YEAR

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item G. and addressed the council regarding this matter. Mr. LeBlanc proposed the council Resolution 2026-01 relative to setting the administrative fee amount for each permit issued by a local government authority to ten dollars for the calendar year 2027 pursuant to Act 881 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Mr. Edwards questioned which permits this would be applicable to and asked an estimated amount that would be collected. Mr. Hassert and Mr. LeBlanc responded to Mr. Edwards questions. Mr. McCormick made a motion to approve council Resolution 2026-01. Mr. Clark seconded. After a roll call vote was held, the motion passed with 12 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 4 members were absent.

H. POOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM, LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item H. and opened the floor to Mr. Edwards. Mr. Edwards addressed the council regarding the Pool Safety Grant Program by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the council's involvement with this program if it so choses. Mr. Edwards asked the council for their support of this program and to allow staff to draft and send on the council's behalf a Letter of Support to the administrator of the Pool Safety Grant Program with LDH. After discussion, Mr. Edwards made a motion to allow staff to draft and send on the council's behalf a Letter of Support to the administrator of the Pool Safety Grant Program with LDH. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

I. STAFF REPORT

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item I. and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding several items, which includes current seat vacancies for the council; parish ordinances that require engineer stamps for open patio covers; water wells; the Task Force on Residential Construction Cost and Inspection Practices created by HR 253 of the 2026 Regular Session which requires 5 appointees from the council; training of building officials and the funds necessary to accomplish this; and upcoming council resolutions to be proposed in December including hiring counsel, a reimbursement agreement with LSLBC, and participation with the Occupational Licensing Review Program. Mr. Hassert asked the council to provide feedback on training opportunities for building officials for the next council meeting in August. Mr. Hassert also asked Mr. Dufour to provide an update for the next council meeting in August relative to alleged fraudulent activities by a few third-party inspectors currently being prosecuted in Jefferson Parish. Mr. Embaugh, Mr. Wich, and Mr. Visser provided comments on Mr. Hassert's discussion points.

Mr. LeBlanc made the following five appointments to the **Task Force on Residential Construction Cost and Inspection Practices**, which was created by House Resolution 253 of the 2026 Regular Session by legislature: Jason Aycock, Pat McCormick, Juliette Cassagne, Mike Wich, and Nic LeBlanc. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

No Executive Session was called.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LeBlanc called for an adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Edwards made a motion to adjourn at 10:44 a.m., and Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Nic LeBlanc, Chairman

Juliette Cassagne, Secretary

Handouts/Materials for this meeting can be found at:
https://lsuccc.la/wp-content/uploads/handout_mtg_07072026.pdf