

# LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION

## CODE COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Code Council was called to order by Nic LeBlanc, Chairman of LSUCCC, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Council present:

- Nic LeBlanc, Chairman
- Jason Aycok
- Juliette Cassagne
- Jay Dufour
- James Edwards
- Fritz Embaugh
- Andre Ford
- Kenneth Jones
- Bryan Knost
- Pat McCormick
- PJ Odom
- Rodney Taylor

Members, Trent Clark Jackie Dadakis, Charles Visser, and Michael Wich, were absent. Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Ms. Cassagne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. CONSIDERATION OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2025, LSUCCC MEETING MINUTES

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item A for consideration. Ms. Cassagne made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes of the October 7, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Embaugh 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. Mr. Hassert also requested, for recordation purposes, that the council members speak clearly into their microphone and state their name when commenting or taking action. 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 concluded.

##### D. EMERGENCY RULE - CONVEYANCE DEVICES – Mr. Nic LeBlanc, Chairman

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item D and called forward David McClintock, Director of Licensing with the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OFM). Mr. LeBlanc also referred to the [Emergency Rule](#) document, which was given to the council members for review. Mr. McClintock addressed the council regarding this matter. Mark Roberts, with the International Code Council, came forward to comment on this matter. Mr. Hassert, Mr. McClintock, and Mr. Embaugh also commented on this matter. Ms. Cassagne also asked Mr. McClintock if there was a deadline for jurisdictions to provide a list of registered, existing, conveyance devices to OFM. Mr. McClintock did not indicate there was a deadline at this time. Mr. LeBlanc addressed the council regarding the Emergency Rule and stated that the Rule is relative to amending International Existing Building Code (LAC 17:1:105) and the *International Existing Building Code, 2021 edition*, by amending Chapter 2, Definitions; adopting Section 201.5, Reference Standards;

and the applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction. With no further comments made, Mr. Embaugh made a motion to accept the Emergency Rule. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Emergency Rule is effective on November 4, 2025, which will remain in effect for 180 days unless renewed by the agency head of the council, or until permanent rules are promulgated in accordance with law. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

**E. IBC CHAPTER 11 ACCESSIBILITY COMPARISON DISCUSSION – Mr. Nic LeBlanc, Chairman**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item E. for discussion and called forward Joe Delaune with OFM. Mr. LeBlanc also referred to the [IBC Chapter 11 Accessibility Comparison](#) document provided to the council from Mr. Delaune for review. Mr. Delaune provided summaries of several items within the IBC Chapter 11 Accessibility Comparison document. Mr. LeBlanc asked the council to review the document and be prepared to discuss it in detail at the December council meeting with a recommendation for adoption at the January council meeting. Mr. Embaugh asked Mr. Delaune if there is a timeline for the amendments or changes to the *International Building Code, 2021 edition*, in relation to Chapter 11, Accessibility. Mr. Delaune stated that the effective date for Chapter 11, Accessibility, in the 2021 IBC is July 1, 2026, by statute and Mr. Delaune provided additional information. Mr. Embaugh asked some additional questions to which Mr. Delaune responded. After a reminder by Mr. LeBlanc that today's agenda item is only meant for discussion with a more detailed discussion forthcoming at the December council meeting, this matter was concluded.

**F. PRECAST CONCRETE STANDARDS – Mr. Larry Dale with Larry Dale Consulting**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item F and called forward Larry Dale with Larry Dale Consulting. Mr. Dale asked Dan Eckenrode and Michael Demouy to come forward and give this presentation. Mr. Eckenrode, Executive Director of PCI Gulf South, confirmed with the council that the [Precast Concrete Standards](#) document was provided to them prior to the meeting and asked if the council had any questions relating to the documentation. With no questions relating to the document, Mr. Eckenrode and Mr. Demouy, Executive Director of the Louisiana Concrete Association, addressed the council relating to precast concrete standards for concrete piles and girders. Members of the council asked questions relating to Mr. Eckenrode's presentation with Mr. Eckenrode and Mr. Demouy responding to those questions. Mr. LeBlanc requested staff to obtain information regarding the process on how to be on the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) approved vendor list for precast pile and girders. With no further comments made, this matter was concluded.

**G. STAFF REPORT**

Mr. LeBlanc brought forward agenda item G and opened the floor to Mr. Hassert. Mr. Hassert addressed the council regarding improving communication between staff and council. Mr. LeBlanc thanked the staff for all of their hard work and communication received thus far from them.

Before adjournment, Ms. Cassagne asked for an update regarding the code review committees for the 2023 NEC code and the 2024 ICC codes. Mr. LeBlanc addressed the council stating that the code review committees have been established, members have been appointed along with a chairman for each committee, and the committee members have been notified. Mr. LeBlanc stated that a list of the code review committee members will be emailed to the council members later that week. 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. Cassagne made a motion to adjourn at 10:23 a.m., and Mr. Edwards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Nic LeBlanc, Chairman



Juliette Cassagne, Secretary