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**FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE
STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held via videoconferencing/Microsoft Teams®

August 19, 2020

Immediately following the conclusion of the EMFTS Board meeting

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Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, August 19, 2020, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus. ***The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams®.*

Committee Members Present: Patrick Ferguson, Mark Marchetta, Mark Resanovich, George Snyder, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright II

Committee Members Absent: none

EMS Staff Present: Beverly Cooper, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Valerie Koker, Eric Mays, Rob Wagoner, and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Lidia Mowad

Mr. Wright called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Wright inquired if there was anyone who wished to address the Board. There was not anyone to address the Board.

FINAL

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the June 17, 2020 Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes, the June and July 90-day extension requests, and the June and July fire certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items to include the June 17, 2020 Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes, the June and July 90-day extension requests, and the June and July fire certifications. Mr. Marchetta - First. Mr. Ferguson– Second. Mr. Uhl - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

FIRE EXEMPTON REQUESTS (Military & Medical), Jodie Parker

Ms. Parker reported that there was one military exemption requests; 2020-8-01. Staff has received all documentation and recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military exemption request for 2020-8-01.
Mr. Snyder– First. Mr. Uhl. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Fire Fighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, James Burke

The committee met on July 14, 2020 and there was a quorum.

The committee presented new updated skill sheets for Firefighter I and those were approved. The committee requested additional time to review the HRO skill sheets.

At the next meeting there will be a report on several charters who are piloting a new volunteer course that DEMS staff devoted a lot of work to revamp and realign in the hope to see improvement on pass rates.

The next meeting will be held virtually on September 8, 2020.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, the proceedings were called to order at 1:13 p.m. on August 19, 2020. Members of the committee present for the proceedings are:

ROLL CALL

Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

It was noted for the record that a majority of the members of the committee are present.

GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

Goldman Case(s)

Mr. Wright stated that the following cases were reviewed pursuant to Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio, where the Respondents did not properly request a hearing. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but could be present to hear the proceedings and outcome. The committee received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which they deliberated. There were five cases. The proceedings were in the matter of:

- Fire Case No. 2017-45-F300, Nick R. Grant, Certificate No. 89934
- Fire Case No. 2017-770-F300, Chad M. Wade, Certificate No. 159240
- Fire Case No. 2018-51-F300, David M. Liddil, Certificate No. 118705
- Fire Case No. 2018-125-F300, Kerry Neubauer, Certificate No. 154904
- Fire Case No. 2018-231-F300, Justice J. Bole, Certificate No. 168598
- Fire Case No. 2018-305-F300, Jeremiah J. Bivona, Certificate No. 138174
- Fire Case No. 2018-363-F300, James D. Britton, Certificate No. 129817
- Fire Case No. 2018-463-F300, Curt A. Wolfe, Certificate No. 65013

Having received documentation for these cases, Mr. Wright requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavit and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence. Mr. Ferguson – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. No abstentions. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence, these proceedings were closed at 1:16 p.m.

GOLDMAN MOTIONS

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2017-45-F300, Nick R. Grant, Fire Certificate Number 89934, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Grant failed to comply with the terms of his consent agreement as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Grant's Firefighter II certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2017-770-F300, Chad M. Wade, Fire Certificate Number 159240, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Wade failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and that Mr. Wade's Firefighter II certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-51-F300, David M. Liddil, Fire Certificate Number 118705, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Liddil failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and that Mr. Liddil's Fire Safety Inspector certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-125-F300, Kerry Neubauer, Fire Certificate Number 154904, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Neubauer failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and that Mr. Neubauer's Volunteer Firefighter certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-231-F300, Justice J. Bole, Fire Certificate Number 168598, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Bole failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, that Mr. Bole's Firefighter II certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-305-F300, Jeremiah J. Bivona, Fire Certificate Number 138174, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Bivona failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, that Mr. Bivona's Firefighter II certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-363-F300, James D. Britton, Fire Certificate Number 129817, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Britton failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, that Mr. Britton's Firefighter I certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-463-F300, Curt A. Wolfe, Fire Certificate Number 65013, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Wolfe failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and that Mr. Wolfe's Volunteer Firefighter certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS, STAFF

ACTION: *Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the following Consent Agreements.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2019-671-F100	2020-197-BF100
2020-063-BF100	2020-264-F100
2020-125-BF100	2020-276-F100
2020-165-F100	2020-343-F500
2020-178-F100	

ACTION: *Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2020-198-F100 *Warning Letter	2020-244-BF500
2020-206-BF100 *Re-open if re-applies	2020-245-F100 *Warning Letter
2020-226-BF100 *Warning Letter	

ACTION: *Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases; individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreement.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2016-711-BF100	2017-361-F300	2017-555-F300
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ACTION: *Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases; accept surrendering of their respective certificates.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2019-395-F300	2019-678-F300
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ACTION: *Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases; the following individuals/entities did not meet the requirements of their consent agreement. Their respective certificate(s) to practice have expired or been surrendered. Re-open if re-applies:* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2017-700-F300	2017-760-F300
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<i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the voluntary surrender for revocation of the following individual's certificate.</i> Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.	
2020-042-BF100	

<i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases.</i> Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.	
2019-346-BF100 2020-002-BF100	2020-003-BF100 2020-177-F100

<i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons: inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions that have previously been deemed “not involving moral turpitude”, local issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction:</i> Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Ferguson - abstained. Motion approved.	
2017-278-F300 2018-56-F300 2020-032-F500 2020-116-BF500 2020-263-F300 2020-281-BF100 2020-282-BF100 2020-287-BF500	2020-293-BF100 2020-295-BF100 2020-298-BF500 2020-315-BF100 2020-328-BF100 2020-336-BF500 2020-358-BF100

Old Business ~ none

New Business

Ms. Cooper reported that a suggestion for amendments that may be considered by the committee. Include the requirement of out of state applicants for reciprocity to submit FBI background checks. It was not necessary to have a motion. Ms. Cooper will draft language and bring back to the committee if they would like to file and to become effective at the same time as the EMS rules.

Revisions were made to 4765-22-01 that was provided to the committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Wright inquired if these would align the fire rules with the EMS rules. Ms. Cooper stated that the goal is to have the EMS and fire rules to align with each other.

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of 4765-22-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Common Sense Initiative office and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Ferguson– First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. The next meeting will be held October 21, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, via Microsoft Teams® following the EMFTS Board meeting but not before 12 noon.

Minutes approved October 21, 2020.