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FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE

STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, Conference Room 1106

MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2022

Immediately followed the conclusion of the EMFTS Board meeting

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Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, August 17, 2022, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, conference room 1106.

Committee Members Present: Dorothy Battles, Patrick Ferguson, Mark Resanovich, Mark Marchetta, Kevin Uhl, and Dudley Wright

Committee Members Absent: ~none~

EMS Staff Present: Robin Burmeister, Beverly Cooper, Joel Demory, Doug Edwards, Dave Fiffick, Deputy Director Aaron Jennings, Valerie Koker, Ellen Owens, Bryan Reardon, Executive Director Rob Wagoner, Patrick Williams and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Danny Nunner

Mr. Marchetta called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dorothy Battles	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present	Mr. Wright	Present

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OPEN FORUM

Mr. Marchetta inquired if there was anyone who wished to address the Board. There was no one present to address the committee.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marchetta requested a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes from June 15, 2022 and the June and July fire certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items to include the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes from June 15, 2022 and the June and July fire certifications. Mr. Wright - First. Mr. Uhl – Second. Ms. Battles - abstained. None opposed. **Motion passed.**

Fire Exemption Request, Ellen Owens

Ms. Owens reported that there is a military exemption request from 2022-8-1. He is a firefighter II who is on active military duty and under the law he will be automatically renewed and brought active. He can begin functioning immediately. An exemption request was for the 2010 – 2013 cycle. When he is brought active he will be renewed until 2025. He will need to make-up the continuing education for the 54 hours that are required for the 2010 through 2013 cycle.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military exemption for 2022-8-1 for the 2010-2013 cycle. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee, Dan Swords

The Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee did not meet in July.

The DEMS continue to work on the fire rules updates. The final draft version of the inspector II skill sheets were distributed to several for feedback. The DEMS are evaluating the feedback.

Executive Director Wagoner reported that a letter was received from the Refugee Canyon Fire District in Hebron, Ohio, informing the DEMS, that they are in the process of dissolving their organization on August 15, 2022. All services previously provided for those who live in Hebron or Union Township will cease and become the responsibility of the West Licking Joint Fire District. EMS Service number 45-017 will no longer be in use. All equipment purchased by the grant funds will be transferred to their replacement agency.

FIRE GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Marchetta, on behalf of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, stated that the proceedings were called to order at 1:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022. Members of the committee present for the proceedings are:

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dorothy Battles	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Mark Marchetta	Present	Mr. Wright	Present

It was noted for the record that there was a majority of the committee members present. Executive Director Wagoner was present.

Mr. Marchetta 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 Division of EMS

investigators and accompanying exhibits. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which they deliberated. There were six cases. The proceedings were in the matter of:

- Fire Case No. 2019-694-F300, Randall D. Lee, Certificate No. 121000
- Fire Case No. 2020-434-F300, Jason M. Fish, Certificate No. 177394
- Fire Case No. 2020-470-F300, Wendell J. Piper, Certificate No. 3534
- Fire Case No. 2020-531-F300, Lee D. Hlas, Certificate No. 103358
- Fire Case No. 2021-196-F300, Austin L. Coleman, Certificate No. 161504
- Fire Case No. 2021-296-F300, Chris S. Allen, Certificate No. 43465

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

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence. Mr. Ferguson – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

There being no further evidence, these proceedings were closed at 1:03 pm.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations. Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

FIRE GOLDMAN MOTIONS

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2019-694-F300, Randall D. Lee, Certificate Number 121000, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Lee failed to comply with continuing education requirements for renewal, and that Mr. Lee's firefighter certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2020-434-F300, Jason M. Fish, Certificate Number 177394, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Fish failed to complete continuing education for renewal of his certification, and that Mr. Fish's firefighter application be denied. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson– Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2020-470-F300, Wendell J. Piper, Certificate Number 3534, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Piper failed to complete continuing education for renewal, and that Mr. Piper's firefighter certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson– Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2020-531-F300, Lee D. Hlas, Certificate Number 103358, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Hlas failed to comply with continuing education requirements for renewal of his certification, and that Mr. Hlas's firefighter certification be revoked. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2021-196-F300, Austin L. Coleman, Certificate Number 161504, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Coleman failed to complete continuing education for renewal of his certification, and that Mr. Coleman's firefighter application be denied. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2021-296-F300, Chris S. Allen, Certificate Number 43465, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Allen failed to complete continuing education for renewal of his certifications, and that Mr. Allen's firefighter and fire safety inspector applications be denied. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Battles – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22 (G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 (A)(2) or 4765.102(B).

***Please note that the FFSI Committee did not go into Executive Session.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS, STAFF

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the consent agreements for the following Education cases: Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

2022-101-F300	
2022-302-F300	

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the following Consent Agreements. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. Discussion. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

2019-188-F100	2022-310-F300
2019-695-F300	2022-311-F300
2022-142-F100	2022-342-BF100
2022-183-F300	2022-351-BF100
2022-188-BF100	2022-354-BF100
2022-255-BF100	2022-402-BF100

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases: Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

2020-242-F500	2022-321-F100
2022-145-BF100	

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases; individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements: Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Battles – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

2019-731-F300	2022-056-F500
2021-148-F100	2022-057-F500
2022-027-BF100	2022-189-F100

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director close the following cases; Individuals were audited at their respective levels. Their respective certificates to practice have expired or revoked. Re-open if re-applies. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

2020-030-F300	
2020-096-F300	

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases due to service issues with the adjudication order or Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. The respective certificates to practice are revoked or expired. Re-open matter if re-applies. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. **Motion approved.**

2018-231-F300	
2018-618-F300	

<p><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases. The certificates from the following cases have been surrendered. The following cases were presented under an incorrect motion at the June 2022 meeting. Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Battles – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. Motion approved.</i></p>	
2022-248-F300	
2022-262-F300	

<p><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following case to accept the surrendering of the respective certificate. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson– Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. Motion approved.</i></p>	
2022-356-F100	

<p><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the voluntary surrender for permanent revocation of their certificate and close the following case. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright - abstained. Motion approved.</i></p>	
2022-249-BF100	

<p><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the following cases: Mr. Resanovich– First. Ms. Battles – Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright -abstained. Motion approved.</i></p>	
2022-287-F300	2022-320-F300
2022-296-F100	2022-349-BF100
2022-300-F300	2022-410-BF100

<p><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. Mr. Resanovich– First. Mr. Ferguson– Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright -abstained. Motion approved.</i></p>	
2020-288-BF100	2022-336-BF100
2021-280-F100	2022-365-BF100
2022-283-F100	2022-431-BF100
2022-303-BF100	

Old Business

Mr. Marchetta requested that Deputy Director Jennings elaborate on the information from the Task Force on Volunteer Fire Service. Deputy Director Jennings stated that some of the concerns are that the required number of continuing education hours is excessive. There is frustration regarding the reciprocity process. There are concerns with the National Registry testing as it is a barrier to acquiring firefighters to enter the field as a career. Many of them were unable to get ARPA funds. The task force will have a report and will provide it to the Governor’s office in June 2023. On the Ohio Department of Commerce website, the dates and times for the meetings are posted. Ms.

Battles is on the finance task force committee. The task force is broken up into four different committees.

New Business ~none

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Ferguson– Second **Motion approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held October 19, 2022 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

**Approved by the EMFTS Board members on October 19, 2022. Submitted by Valerie Koker, EMFTS Board Secretary.*