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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*

**April 15, 2020**

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**Committee Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, April 15, 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

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Mr. Wright called the meeting to order at 2:03 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

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**OPEN FORUM** ~ None

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## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the February 13, 2020 Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes, February and March 90-day extension requests, and February and March fire certifications.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items to include the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes for February 13, 2020, the February and March 90-day extension requests, and the February and March fire certifications. Mr. Uhl - First. Mr. Marchetta-Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

## **FIRE EXEMPTON REQUESTS (Military & Medical), Ellen Owens**

Ms. Owens reported that there were not any fire exemption requests.

## **Firefighter and Fire Fighter Safety Inspector Subcommittee Report ~ James Burke**

The Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee did not have a meeting in March due to COVID-19.

Mr. Burke reported that he had received a request from a fire chief to allow a firefighter/paramedic to test for the fourth time after three failed attempts on a knowledge exam for an instructor. He signed up for another course per OAC; however, with the COVID-19 it was cancelled. A discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the committee that a rule is a rule and he would not be permitted to have a fourth test attempt.

***ACTION: Motion not to allow a fourth attempt for the knowledge exam. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. No abstentions. None opposed. Motion approved.***

## **GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS**

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, the proceedings were called to order at 2:09 p.m. on April 15, 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 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. 2017-659-BF100 Mark B. Williamson, Certificate No. 119533**
- **Fire Case No. 2018-462-F100 Richard S. Wittkugle, Certificate No. 88857**
- **Fire Case No. 2019-131-BF100 Daniel L. Young, Certificate No. 161961**
- **Fire Case No. 2019-505-F100 Samuel G. Poepelman, Certificate No. 175572**
- **Fire Case No. 2019-406-F100 Aaron M. Keener, Certificate No. 109475**

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. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. No abstentions. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

There being no further evidence, these proceedings were closed at 2:11 p.m.

## **GOLDMAN MOTIONS**

**ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2017-659-BF100, Mark B. Williamson, Fire Certificate Number 119533, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Williamson has been convicted of Obstructing Official Business, a felony of the fifth degree, and that Mr. Williamson's fire certificates be revoked.**

Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

**ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-462-F100, Richard S. Wittkugle, Fire Certificate Number 88857, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Wittkugle has been convicted of Petty Theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and that Mr. Wittkugle's certification be revoked.** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

**ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2019-131-BF100, Daniel L. Young, Fire Certificate Number 161961, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Young has been convicted of Theft, a felony of the fifth degree, and that Mr. Young's certification be revoked.** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

**ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2019-505-F100, Samuel G. Poepelman, Fire Certificate Number 175572, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Poepelman has been convicted of Attempted Rape, a felony of the second degree, and that Mr. Poepelman's certification be permanently revoked.** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

***ACTION:*** *In the matter of Fire Case Number 2019-406-F100, Aaron M. Keener, Fire Certificate Number 109475, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Keener has been convicted of Aggravated Menacing, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and Disorderly Conduct, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, and failed to report these convictions to the Division of EMS, and that Mr. Keener's fire certifications be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

**FIRE INVESTIGATIONS, STAFF**

**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

***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.**

2018-193-F300	2019-670-BF100
2018-345-F300	2019-709-F100
2019-427-F300	2020-054-BF300
2019-520-BF100	2020-082-F300
2019-549-F100	

***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.**

2016-604-BF100	2017-639-F300
2017-80-BF100	2018-428-BF100
2017-612-BF300	2018-733-BF100
2017-618-F300	2019-170-BF100

***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.**

2019-534-F300	2020-050-F300
2019-545-F300	2020-051-F300
2019-556-F300	2020-087-F300
2019-591-F300	2020-095-F300
2019-607-F300	2020-130-F300
2019-623-F300	2020-138-F300
2019-634-F300	2020-146-F300
2019-636-F300	2020-168-F300

<b><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following case(s); 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.</i></b> Mr. Snyder– First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. <b>Motion approved.</b>	
2017-294-F300	2017-377-F300

<b><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following case(s); the following individual(s) were audited at their respective levels. The respective certificate(s) to practice have expired. Re-open if re-applies.</i></b> Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. <b>Motion approved.</b>		
2017-515-F300	2017-623-F300	2017-625-F300

<b><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases due to service issues with Adjudication Order or Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. The respective certificates to practice are revoked or expired. Re-open if re-applies.</i></b> Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. <b>Motion approved.</b>	
2017-289-F300	2017-291-F300

<b><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearing for the following individuals for violation of their Consent Agreement.</i></b> Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. <b>Motion approved.</b>	
2015-482-BF100	

<b><i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearing for the following cases.</i></b> Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. <b>Motion approved.</b>		
2017-751-F100	2019-474-F300	2019-557-F300
2019-106-F100	2019-475-F300	2019-570-F300
2019-268-BF100	2019-478-F300	2019-579-F300
2019-394-F300	2019-494-F300	2019-585-F300
2019-395-F300	2019-495-F300	2019-664-BF100
2019-423-F300	2019-496-F300	2019-682-BF100
2019-432-F300	2019-502-BF100	2020-032-F500
2019-433-F300	2019-541-F300	2020-161-F500
2019-434-F300		

<b><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></b> Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. None abstained. <b>Motion approved.</b>	
2019-391-F300	2020-102-BF100
2019-504-BF100	2020-106-BF100
2019-577-F300	2020-108-BF100
2020-068-F500	2020-139-BF100
2020-074-BF100	2020-140-BF100
2020-075-BF100	2020-151-BF100
2020-079-BF100	2020-187-F100

2020-091-F100	2020-189-BF100
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**Old Business ~ none**

**New Business ~ none**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Motion to adjourn. Mr. Snyder – First Mr. Marchetta - Second

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next meeting will be held May 20, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, via Microsoft Teams following the EMFTS Board meeting.