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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®

June 17, 2020

Immediately following the conclusion of the EMFTS Board meeting

~FINAL~

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, June 17, 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, and Dudley Wright II

Committee Members Absent: Kevin Uhl

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

Assistant Attorney General: Trista Turley

Mr. Wright called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Wise gave the phone number for anyone in the public to join the videoconference. Mr. Wright inquired if anyone wished to address the committee. There was not anyone present to address the committee.

FINAL

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the May 20, 2020 Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes, May 90-day extension requests, and April fire certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items to include the May 20, 2020 Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes, May 90-day extension requests, and April fire certifications. Mr. Snyder - First. Mr. Ferguson– Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

FIRE EXEMPTION REQUESTS (Military & Medical), Jodie Parker

Ms. Parker reported that there were two military exemption requests; 2020-06-01 and 2020-06-02. Staff has received all documentation and recommends approval.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military exemption request for 2020-06-01 and 2020-06-02. Mr. Marchetta– First. Mr. Ferguson. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Firefighter and Fire Fighter Safety Inspector Subcommittee Report ~ James Burke

The Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee has not had a meeting.

Mr. Burke reported that the DEMS staff has worked with charters that oversee 65 courses with 647 students. The DEMS staff appreciates the committee allowing them to continue to work with these charters to get the students successfully completed on their way to certification.

ACTION: Motion to approve that the Education Section of the Division of Emergency Medical Services will collaborate with the Fire Charters until no later than 90 days after the state of emergency ends or December 1, 2020, whichever comes first in reference to HB 197. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, the proceedings were called to order at 12:40 p.m. on June 17, 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	Absent
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. The committee will be reviewing the following cases:

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. 2017-670-BF100, James R. Meikle III., Certificate No. 143222**
- **Fire Case No. 2018-92-F300, Mark A. Rumer, Certificate No. 117707**
- **Fire Case No. 2018-437-F300, Richard L. Black, Certificate No. 158713**
- **Fire Case No. 2018-445-F300, Seth J. Petersen, Certificate No. 133480**
- **Fire Case No. 2018-662-F300, Aaron K. Chatfield, Certificate No. 134585**
- **Fire Case No. 2018-502-BF300, Jeffrey D. Hickey, Certificate No. 61545**

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. Ferguson – Second. No abstentions. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence, these proceedings were closed at 12:42 p.m.

GOLDMAN MOTIONS

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2017-670-BF100, James R. Meikle III, Fire Certificate Number 143222, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Meikle failed to report a conviction on a renewal application as indicated on the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Meikle's firefighter II certification be revoked. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-92-F300, Mark A. Rumer, Fire Certificate Number 117707, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Rumer failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and that Mr. Rumer'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 2018-437-F300, Richard L. Black, Fire Certificate Number 158713, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Black failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and that Mr. Black'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 2018-445-F300, Seth J. Petersen, Fire Certificate Number 133480, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Petersen failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and that Mr. Petersen'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 2018-662-F300, Aaron K. Chatfield, Fire Certificate Number 134585, the Committee recommends that the Interim Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Chatfield failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 and 2 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, that Mr. Chatfield's firefighter I certification 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	Absent
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. Mr. Ferguson (2020-147-BF100) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

2018-447-F300	2019-578-F300
2019-017-F300	2019-691-F300
2019-099-BF100	2019-718-F100
2019-360-BF100	2020-083-BF100
2019-571-F300	2020-147-BF100

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.**

2018-285-F300 *WARNING LETTER*	2020-048-BF100
2018-286-F300	2020-103-BF100
2019-487-BF100	

<u>ACTION:</u> 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. Mr. Ferguson - abstained. Motion approved.	
2015-421-F300 2015-581-F100 2015-680-BF100	2016-710-F100 2017-438-F300 2017-520-F300

<u>ACTION:</u> 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. Mr. Ferguson - abstained. Motion approved.	
2015-482-BF100 2016-205-F100	2017-408-F300

<u>ACTION:</u> 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:. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Ferguson - abstained. Motion approved.	
2017-552-F300	2017-570-F300

<u>ACTION:</u> Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the voluntary surrender for revocation of the following individual's certificate: Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Ferguson - abstained. Motion approved.	
2020-069-BF100	

<u>ACTION:</u> Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the voluntary surrender for permanent revocation of the following individual's certificate. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Ferguson - abstained. Motion approved.	
2020-150-BF100	

<u>ACTION:</u> Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Marchetta – Second. None opposed. Mr. Ferguson - abstained. Motion approved.	
2019-121-BF100	2020-234-F100

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

2019-551-BF100	2020-218-BF500
2020-092-F100	2020-225-BF100
2020-195-BF100	2020-241-F500
2020-199-F100	2020-247-F100
2020-204-F100	2020-255-BF100
2020-214-F100	2020-256-BF100
2020-216-BF100	2020-261-BF100

Old Business ~ none

New Business

Mr. Wagoner reported that the Hall of Fame Fire Awards are targeted for September; however, they will be held virtually. The Division of EMS staff is working with the State Fire Marshal’s office. Individual recognitions will be given to the awardees that will be recorded then all the videos will be woven together to form one ceremony.

The nominations are still open until June 22, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. The next meeting will be held August 19, 2020 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, via Microsoft Teams® following the EMFTS Board meeting but not before 12 noon.