



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

MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2019

~FINAL~

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, October 16, 2019, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Committee Members Present: Patrick Ferguson, Deanna Harris, Mark Resanovich, George B. Snyder, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright II

Committee Members Absent:

EMS Staff Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Ted Kienzle, Valerie Koker, Kris Patalita, Bryan Reardon, Rob Wagoner, and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Lidia Mowad

Guest and Public Present: None

Mr. Wright called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPEN FORUM ~ None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the August 21, 2019 Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes, the August 90-day extension requests, the September 90-day extension requests, the August fire certifications and the September fire certifications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items to include the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes for August 21, 2019, the August 2019 90-day extension requests, the September 2019 90-day extension requests, the August 2019 fire certifications and the September 2019 fire certifications. Mr. Uhl - First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

FIRE EXEMPTION REQUESTS (Military & Medical), Jean Booze

Jean Booze reported that there were two military exemption requests. 2019-10-01 is dual certified. In 2013 they were granted a military exemption but successfully renewed the next cycle. This is not a consecutive exemption request. There is one fire only military exemption request; 2019-10-02. Partial military documentation was received which was a copy of current military orders from one military base to another. We do know this person has been in the military for several years. Staff has been unable to reconnect with this person; however, staff recommends approval for both exemption requests.

ACTION: Motion to approve two medical exemption requests; 2019-10-01 and 2019-10-02. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Firefighter Committee Report

Executive Director House reported that the committee did not meet; however, Mr. James Burke will give a report on current activities.

Mr. Burke reported that FFI and FFII skill sheets have been finalized. DEMS staff requested input from program directors and applicable changes were made. The DEMS staff also sent out the Hazard Recognition Officer (HRO) and the Firefighter Safety Instructor (FFSI) updated skill sheets for the committee to review as a first draft. The FFI and FFII course objectives have been updated to the new standards. The FFSI objective sign-off sheets have been updated. In regards to the EMS and Fire Instructor course packet, there has been some confusion as to the order of which each one to be completed. It has now been listed in the correct order in the course packets. The exam requests are being vetted to ensure they meet the requirements.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOLDMAN PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, called the proceedings were called to order at 2:01 p.m. on October 16, 2019. Members of the committee present for the proceedings are:

ROLL CALL

Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Present	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent	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 Case(s)

Mr. Wright stated 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 four cases. The proceedings were in the matter of:

- **Fire Case No. 2015-168-BF100, John E. Miller, Certificate No. 148233**
- **Fire Case No. 2015-523-F300, Sarah A. Gostich, Certificate No. 118880**
- **Fire Case No. 2018-025-F100, Bill H. Seckler, Certificate No. 32605**
- **Fire Case No. 2018-614-BF100, Lawrence E. Grizzell, Certificate No. 2977**

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. Resanovich – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. No abstentions. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

There being no further evidence, these proceedings were closed at 2:02 p.m.

Mr. Wright requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations.

ACTION: Motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. No abstentions. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

GOLDMAN MOTIONS

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2015-168-BF100, John E. Miller, Certificate Number 148233, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Miller was convicted of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the fifth degree, and that Mr. Miller's firefighter certification be permanently revoked. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case Number 2015-523-F300, Sara A. Gostich, Certificate Number 118880, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Gostich failed to comply with the terms of a consent agreement as indicated in the notice of opportunity for hearing and that Ms. Gostich's firefighter certification be revoked. Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-25-F100, Bill H. Seckler, Certificate Number 32605, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Seckler was convicted of Workers' Compensation Fraud, and that Mr. Seckler's firefighter certification be revoked.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

ACTION: *In the matter of Fire Case Number 2018-614-BF100, Lawrence E. Grizzell, Certificate Number 2977, the Committee recommends that the Executive Director issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Grizzell was convicted of 8 counts of Sexual Battery, 8 counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, and 8 counts of Rape, all felonies, and that Mr. Grizzell's fire certifications be permanently revoked.* Ms. Harris – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS, STAFF

Mr. Wright requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session.

ACTION: *Motion to adjourn to 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).* Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None – abstained. **Motion approved.**

Roll Call

Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	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. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2019-177-F300

ACTION: *Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the following Consent Agreements:* Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. Mr. Ferguson - abstained. *****Please note this motion was read again due to Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion and abstained.***

2018-310-F300 2018-359-F300 *Ferguson Abstain* 2019-03-F300 2019-248-BF500	2019-309-BF100 2019-325-F300 2019-362-F300
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ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the following Consent Agreements: Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Ferguson (2018-359-F300) - abstained. **Motion approved.**

2018-310-F300 2018-359-F300 *Ferguson Abstain* 2019-03-F300 2019-248-BF500	2019-309-BF100 2019-325-F300 2019-362-F300
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ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following case(s). Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2017-190-F500	2019-090-F300	2019-172-F500
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ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the following case(s); individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2014-403-BF100 2016-378-F100 2016-630-F300	2016-656-F300 2018-234-F500	2019-167-BF100 2019-306-BF100
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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. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2017-638-F300 2018-480-F300 2019-323-F300	2018-722-F300 2019-374-F300	2019-375-F300 2019-379-F300
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ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the voluntary surrender for revocation of certificate(s) for the following individual(s). Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Harris – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2017-71-BF100

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

2016-625-F300

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases. The following individuals/entities did not provide required documentation to process application. Therefore, their applications were rendered incomplete. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

2019-085-F100

<i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following case(s) due to service issues with the Adjudication order or Notices of Opportunity for Hearing. The respective certificate(s) to practice are revoked or expired. Re-open if re-applies. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.</i>	
2013-282-BF100 2013-704-F100	2016-181-F100

<i>ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. Mr. Ferguson (2019-232-BF500) - abstained. Motion approved.</i>	
2018-149-BF100 2018-309-F300 2018-353-F300 2018-391-F300	2019-275-F300 2019-305-F300 2019-232-BF500 *Ferguson Abstain*

<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. Snyder– First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.</i>		
2017-585-BF100 2018-351-F300 2019-181-BF100 2019-294-F300 2019-317-BF100	2019-344-BF100 2019-349-BF100 2019-358-BF500 2019-361-BF100 2019-368-BF500	2019-401-BF100 2019-403-BF100 2019-405-BF100 2019-440-BF100 2019-441-BF100

Old Business ~ none

New Business

Ms. Harris reported that someone contacted her who has a firefighter son in the military. She inquired as to what classes would he be required to complete to be a certified civilian firefighter. It was reported that it depends on where he completed his original training. Ms. Harris was advised to have them contact the Division of EMS.

ADJOURNMENT

<i>ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Ms. Harris – First Mr. Snyder - Second</i>

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m. The next meeting will be held December 18, 2019 immediately following the EMFTS Board meeting at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.