

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg, Board Chair
Craig Humphreys, Vice Chair
Brian Cottam
Jared Larson
Eric Miller

David Olsen
Frank Park
Mike Phillips

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Jason Poulson

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal
Ted Black, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Lynda Viti, Assistant Attorney General
Deanne Mousley

Mark Burton
Todd Hohbein
Kelly Snow

OTHERS

Members of the public and the fire service were in attendance at this meeting. The attendance log is kept with the full record of the meeting.

Item #1, Board meeting called to order by Board Chair Vincent Newberg. The meeting started at 8:35A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.

Chair Newberg recognized Robert Sullivan with NFPA in the audience. He invited Mr. Sullivan to address the Board. Mr. Sullivan reported a new standard is being published, NFPA 855 on Stationary Energy Storage Systems. Recently, there was incident in Arizona that injured several firefighters when one of these systems exploded. The new standard is an effort to help regulate the way the systems are installed and the fire protection that goes with them. It is due to be published this week.

Item #2, Approval of the July 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion made by Board Member Miller to approve July 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Humphreys. Motion carried.

Item #3, Welcome new Board Members. New board members have not yet been appointed.

Item #4, Election of new Chair and Vice Chair. Chief Deputy Black suggested this item be delayed until new board members have been appointed. Board agreed to table this item.

Item #5, Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

- Council is updating Officer 1, 2, 3 and 4. In 2020 they will be looking at Firefighter 1 and 2, as well as Fire Instructor 1 and 2.

- The staff is staying very busy with requests for testing and certification. They average about 600 requests per month.

Item #6, Report to the Board by Chair, HazMat Council.

- The most recent council meeting was cancelled due to several members away at training. The meeting will be rescheduled and there will be a report at the next Fire Prevention Board Meeting.

Item #7, Report to the Board by Robert Dekorver, Chair, Fire Service Standards and Training Council.

- There was not a quorum at the last meeting, so no business was conducted.
- The Council awarded the reaccreditation certificate to UVU from our evaluation of their program for non-accredited facility.
- Received notice that Ray Stokes is retiring and will no longer represent the Fire Service Certification Council on the Standards & Training Council. A request has been made for a new representative.
- Reaccreditation site visits are scheduled as follows:
 - September 17 – Bridgerland Technical College
 - November 9 – West Valley City
 - November 19 – Davis Technical CollegeThat will complete the evaluation processes for the non-accredited facilities.
- The Council was presented with a new Fire Officer Development Plan.

Item #8, Presentation to the Board by Brad Wardle, Director of UFRA, on the budget, funding, and contract. This item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Item #9, Report from Utah State Fire Marshal's Office on vacant and expired Fire Prevention Board positions. Chief Deputy Black reported that names have been submitted to the Governor's Office and we are awaiting their decision.

Item #10, Reappointment of Rod "Hoss" Tomkinson for an additional three-year term on the Certification Council. Motion made by Vice Chair Humphreys to reappoint Rod "Hoss" Tomkinson from the Logan Fire Department for an additional 3-year term to the Certification Council. Motion was seconded by Board Member Olsen. The motion carried.

Item #11, Appointment of Krista Horting from Weber Fire District to the Certification Council as a new council member serving a three-year term. Motion by Board Member Olsen to appoint Krista Horting from Weber Fire District to the Certification Council, seconded by Board Member Miller. The motion carried.

Ms. Horting is replacing Ray Stokes, who served on the council for 21 years (7 terms). On behalf of the Board, Vice Chair Humphreys expressed appreciation to Mr. Stokes for his service.

Item #12, Appointment of Christopher Trevino to be the Certification Council representative on the Standards and Training Council. Brad Wardle, Director of UFRA, gave brief comments recommending Mr. Trevino. Motion made by Board Member Park to appoint Christopher Trevino as the Certification Council representative on the Standards and Training Council. Seconded by Vice Chair Humphreys. Motion Carried.

Item #13, Appointment of Todd S. Christensen to the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council, representing the Utah National Guard. Chief Deputy Black gave brief comments recommending Mr. Christensen. Motion made by Board Member Cottam to appoint Todd S. Christensen as the Utah National Guard representative on the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Board Member Phillips. Motion Carried.

Item #14, Old Business

- Board Member Cottam gave a brief update on the current wildland fire situation. The largest fire this season is in Iron County, about 20,000 acres. Most current fires are late-season grass fires in the desert. This time last year Bald Mountain and Pole Creek were burning. This is 2 years in a row for large fires in September. We are beginning to see fire seasons lasting longer.

Item #15, New Business

Chief Deputy Black: The Bonneville Chapter of ICC has invited us to participate in their annual fall training. The fire track will involve HazMat, plan review, and the essentials of the International Fire Code. For those who are interested in participating, CEU credits are available. This is great training for firefighters and architects, and we encourage any who are interested to participate. The training is November 12 – 14 at the West Valley Cultural Center.

Item 16, Next Board Meeting is November 12, 2019, at 8:30 am, South Salt Lake City Hall.

Motion by Board Member Miller to adjourn meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Humphreys. Meeting was adjourned.