

UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
MARCH 12, 2020 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg, Board Chair
Craig Humphreys, Vice Chair
Brian Cottam
Derek Maxfield

Eric Miller
David Olsen
Frank Park
Jason Poulsen

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Jared Larson

Michael Phillips

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal
Ted Black, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Jana DeMille, Board Secretary
Art Deyo

Cami Carter
Justin Cheever
Clayton Peterson
Ryan Putman

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 8:35 A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers. Chair Newberg welcomed Chief Derek Maxfield as the newest member of the Fire Prevention Board. Chief Maxfield represents Class 1 Counties.

Item #2, Approval of the January 14, 2020 board meeting minutes.

- Motion made by Board Member Miller to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Vice Chair Humphreys. Motion passed.

Item #3, Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Report was given by Lori Howes as Chief Spencer was unable to attend.

- Council last met on January 15 at UFRA
- Certification office hired 30 new testers throughout the State, bringing the total number of testers to about 210.
- Currently working on updating Fire Officer 1 to the 2020 edition of the 1021 standard.
- Working to create new levels for Fire Officer 2, 3 and 4.
- IFTSAC site visit scheduled for April 6-10.
- Putting together a small committee of subject-matter experts to review the Firefighter 1 and 2 skills and prepare them for update to the 2019 edition of 1001 standard.
- Next meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 10 am at UFRA.

Item #4, Report to the Board by, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Art Deyo, council member, reported for the council.

- Council is working on curriculum for Hazmat Incident Commander, which is a certification required by OSHA. Target date is end of 2020.

Item #5, Report to the Board by Robert Dekorver, Chair, Fire Service Standards and Training Council. Chair Dekorver was unable to attend. Chief Deputy Ted Black reported that the council is meeting regularly and doing a very good job.

Item #6, Report to the Board by Brad Wardle, UFRA, concerning permanent funding source. Director Wardle reported:

- SB209 has passed the Senate and is now in the House and is expected to pass. The funding note is not yet certain. Director Wardle requested an additional \$500,000 in addition to the \$4,273,000 for the base budget. The \$500,000 is for the capital replacement program.
- The funding model for UFRA is changing. In the past, UFRA has been funded through the firefighter support account by the fire insurance premium tax. UFRA will now be funded through the higher education fund.
- SFM Coy Porter added that this will be a good move. Also, part of this bill creates an agreement between the Fire Prevention Board and UVU. The FPB will still give direction and support to UFRA. The agreement still needs to be worked out.
- Director Wardle reported that there will no longer be a contract required every year and he also agrees with keeping the Fire Prevention Board as a guiding influence. He anticipates a task force with members from UVU, UFRA, SFM, FPB, and perhaps others to work out the agreement with UVU. Director Wardle asked the Board if some members are agreeable to be part of that task force. Chair Newberg requested that interested Board members contact Director Wardle.

Item #7, Reappointment of Robert Dekorver and Todd Smith to the Standards and Training Council.

- Board Member Miller made a motion to reappoint Mr. Dekorver and Mr. Smith to the Standards and Training Council. Motion seconded by Board Member Olsen. Motion Passed.

Item #8, Report to the Board by Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal, concerning the 2020 Legislative session. SFM Porter provided handouts listing bills of particular interest (copies of the handouts are filed with the meeting minutes). Mr. Porter then gave a quick briefing on the current status of several bills. Board Member Cottam also provided information on bills relating to Wildland Fires.

Item #9, Report to the Board by Coy Porter, Utah State Fire Marshal, concerning vacant and expired Fire Prevention Board positions.

- Board Members who are eligible for reappointment should be receiving their letters soon. As Mr. Miller and Mr. Newberg have completed 8 years of service, they are no longer eligible for reappointment. Mr. Porter thanked them for continuing to serve and provide the FPB with a quorum.
- Names have been submitted for the vacant positions. Chief Maxfield has received his letter of appointment. Additional appointments should follow soon...hopefully by the next meeting.
- Mr. Porter thanked all Board Members for their service.

Item #10, Appointment of the following individuals to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council by the Fire Prevention Board: Rod Hammer, Chief, Cache County Fire; TJ Brewer, Chief, Moab Fire; and Ron Harris, Chief, Tropic Fire.

- Motion made by Vice Chair Humphreys to appoint Mr. Hammer, Mr. Brewer, and Mr. Harris to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Motion was seconded by Board Member Miller. The motion passed.

Item #11, Old Business: None

Item #12, New Business:

- Introduction of new employees of the State Fire Marshal's Office by Chief Deputy Black.
 - Cami Carter is a trainer with HazMat, and Justin Cheever is an LP Gas inspector. Both took a few minutes to introduce themselves.
- Ryan Putman and Cory Feese have both completed POST and are now actively working as inspectors/investigators for SFMO.

Item #13, Next Board meeting is May 12, 2020, at 8:30 am, South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.

- Motion to adjourn by Board Member Poulsen, seconded by Board Member Miller. Meeting adjourned.