

UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes
APPROVED

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Olsen, Board Chair
Michael Phillips, Vice Chair
Brian Cottam
Chris Dawson
Joseph Decker
Craig Humphreys

Chris Kimball
Jared Larson
Derek Maxfield
Frank Park
Patrick Tomasino

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal
Ted Black, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Renee Spooner, Assistant Attorney General
Jana DeMille, Board Secretary

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 David Olsen. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M., over Google Meet. Board Member Roll Call – all members in attendance.

Item #2, Approval of the September 8, 2020 board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Brian Cottam, seconded by Craig Humphreys. Motion passed.

Item #3, Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

- Certifications – Shout out to UFRA staff for continuing to meet the deadlines for certifications during the challenges of COVID.
- Recognition of 2020 testers: Mark Weekes, North Davis; Brett Bronson, South Ogden; Kade Beachman, Diamond Valley. They went above and beyond.
- Red Cards have been going through the Certification Council for the past several years. As of January 1st red cards are issued through Forestry, Fire and State Lands.
- The Council is currently working on updating Instructor 1 & 2. Expect these to be approved at the Council meeting on January 13.
- IFSAC site visit scheduled for April 2021.
- The Council approved an Airport Firefighter Standard which is updated to the new NFPA standard. This took effect January 1.
- The Council has been working on Officer 1, 2, 3 & 4. Officer 1 is in place with testing. Had to put test banks in place for 2, 3 & 4 and those were approved at the November 2020 meeting. A portfolio will be required with each level in addition to the test.
- Approved Firefighter 1 & 2 standards with some updates, making them more evolution based.

Item #4, Report to the Board by, Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal on pending legislation. The legislative session starts next Tuesday (January 19). A list of bills of note is attached to the minutes. FM Porter commented on a few items of interest:

- HB65 – allows county fire wardens to be full time, increase some salaries, continues programs such as wildfire risk mapping. Brian Cottam expressed the support of Forestry Fire and State Lands for this bill.
- HB82 – Single Family Housing Modifications
- HB98 – Local Government Building Regulations Amendments
- Fire Code Amendments
- Automatic Fire Sprinkler License
- Local Regulation of Fireworks (may or may not be run)
- SB33 Uniform Building Code Commission Amendments
- Code Enforcement Records Amendments
- Fire Prevention Board Amendments – to fix some unforeseen outcomes from the passage of SB209
- Residential Energy Storage Systems
- Adopting IFC Appendix D on Turn Arounds
- Low Impact Developments – relates to storm water runoff

Bryan Cottam added the following legislative “funding” items:

- Last year Senator Owens was able to get an ongoing appropriation to support the Fire Department Assistance Grants. That funding was retracted during the COVID budget cuts. Senator Owens will try to get the funding restored. This is a great grant program as every single dollar is granted to fire departments.
- Base Budget Bill to include a line item for a Wildfire Prevention Campaign to focus on human-caused fire starts. This will be a huge campaign with supplemental funding.
- State Building Board has prioritized the Lone Peak Conservation Center. Lone Peak has to move and a site has been identified at about 3500 South along the Jordan River.

Item #5, Report to the Board by Coy Porter, SFM, and Brad Wardle, Director Utah Fire and Rescue Academy. (Brad Wardle not in attendance)

- Many thanks to Renee Spooner, staff attorney for the Board. She has been very patient and helpful working through this.
- We expect final documents soon.

Item #6, Reappointment to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council of Jason Earl, Deputy Chief, Orem FD; Christopher Trevino, Deputy Chief, West Jordan FD; and David Youngberg, Battalion Chief, North Davis Fire District.

- Motion made by Frank Parks to reappoint the Jason Earl, Christopher Trevino, and David Youngberg to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Motion seconded by Mike Phillips. Motion carried.

Item #7, Appointment by the Board of the following individuals to the Fire Advisory and Code Analysis Committee: Todd Hohbein, Utah State Fire Marshal’s Office; Chief David Powers, Fire Marshals’ Association of Utah; Dan Devoogd, local fire department representative; Malcolm Campbell, Department of Health; Rick Sturm, Utah Labor Commission; Don Brinkerhoff, Department of Human Services; and David Vickers, Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

- Chief Deputy Black pointed out this is a 3-year appointment to review the 2021 family of codes. All nominees have been contacted and are willing to participate.
- Motion made by Craig Humphreys to appoint the named individuals to the Fire Advisory and Code Analysis Committee. Motion seconded by Patrick Tomasino. Motion passed.

Item #8, Approval by the Board of the proposed changes to R710-4. This was tabled until the March 2021 Fire Prevention Board Meeting.

Item #9, Approval by the Board to conduct the March Fire Prevention Board meeting virtually.

- Motion made by Chris Kimball to conduct the March meeting virtually. Motion seconded by Derek Maxfield. Motion carried.

Item #10, Approval by the Board of the meeting schedule for the year 2021.

- Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 8:30 am. Meeting location to be determined. A written schedule will be sent out.
- Motion made by Craig Humphreys to approve the meeting schedule for 2021. Motion seconded by Brian Cottam. Motion passed.

Item #11, Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

Item #12, New Business:

- Craig Humphreys – Several months ago the FPB had to dissolve some committees due to the passing of SB209 last year. The Board also voted to temporarily extend the Certification Council. Is there an update on getting these committees and councils reinstated?
 - Chief Deputy Black stated these are part of the Fire Prevention Board Amendments that will go to the Legislature sponsored by Senator Harper. It should recreate the Certification Council and the review of non-affiliated organizations. The Standards and Training Council will not be reinstated.

Item #13, Next Board Meeting will be March 9, 2021 at 8:30 am. This will be a virtual meeting.

- Motion to Adjourn by Derek Maxfield. Meeting adjourned.