

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes
APPROVED**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Olsen, Board Chair
Michael Phillips, Vice Chair
Brett Ostler (for Brian Cottam)
Chris Dawson
Joseph Decker

Chris Kimball
Derek Maxfield
Frank Park
Patrick Tomasino

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Humphreys

Jared Larson

STAFF PRESENT

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

Andrew McCormick
Cory Feese
Shane Maughan
Kelly Snow
Justin Cheever
Christopher Hendrickson

OTHERS

Members of the public and the fire service attended 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. Roll Call was conducted and a quorum present.

Item #2, Approval of the January 12, 2021 board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Frank Park, seconded by Michael Phillips. Motion passed.

Item #3, Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Spencer was not available. Chief Deputy Black reported that the Council has a meeting scheduled in a few days.

Item #4, Report to the Board by Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal, on 2021 legislative session.

- List of items SFMO is following was sent to the Board (a copy is filed with the minutes). FM Porter reviewed some highlights:
 - HB 82 Accessory Dwelling Units – the goal is to use existing housing with rental space potential to help alleviate the housing shortage.

- HB98 Local Government Building Regulations – again applicable to one- and two-family dwellings and town homes. Allows individuals to get 3rd party plan review and inspections under certain conditions.
- HB409 League of Cities and Towns Land Use Bill – addressing concerns with storm water runoff and an effort to limit hard surfaces, includes There is an effort to limit width on streets to 32’ and sizes of fire department turn arounds in cul-de-sacs and hammerheads. Appendix D
- SB33 adoption of National Electrical Code
- Pushed back the adoption of the 2021 codes- moves it back a full year to sept 2022 then to 2023 session
- SFM Porter is happy to visit with anyone offline to address questions on the legislative session

Item #3, Chief Spencer joined the meeting but the connection was lost. Lori Howes gave report from the Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

- The Council last met January 13 and are still meeting virtually.
- The council approved the updated Fire Instructor 1 & 2 standard referenced to 2019 edition of the 1041 standard. These will be implemented May 1.
- Council received an update on the levels that were approved in November, ARP was one of those levels. The new standard is online and the exams created and ready to test.
- Officer 1, 2, 3 and 4 – the standard is online and we began testing to that on January 1. Officer 2, 3 and 4 are pending accreditation with both Pro Board and IFSAC.
- Firefighter 1 & 2 standard was implemented on Feb 1. There will be a report on that at the next meeting.
- Certification office is preparing to hold virtual tester seminars soon. Dates are pending.
- The Council is currently working on Wildland Firefighter 1 & 2 and all technical rescue levels are up for review.
- Next meeting is March 17, at 10 am. The meetings are open to all. Contact Lori if you would like to attend and she will send the link.

Item #6, Introduction to the Board of Rohn Peterson and Patrick Cullen, new Inspectors/Investigators in the Utah State Fire Marshal’s Office. Patrick comes from Draper Fire with fire and law enforcement background. Rohn is from Department of Corrections where he worked in facilities and has a background in inspections.

Item #5, Report to the Board by Coy Porter and USFM and Brad Wardle, Director Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, concerning the status of UFRA memorandum of understanding.

- Documents are awaiting signatures.
- Brad Wardle

- Pleased with the financial stability of UFRA. During the August special session of the Legislature, the Legislature took \$300,000 from the Academy because of COVID-19. This was an ongoing reduction. UFRA has been working with Representative Peterson and Senator Harper to get the money restored and it has been.
- In the past, employee raises have been from the operating budget. Now this comes from the University and doesn't affect the operating budget.
- Planning to have Winter Fire School next year.
- UFRA received an AFG grant for \$329,000. Hats off to Jolene Chamberlain for working on the grants. This grant will be used for remodel of current CTC, mobile CT and to build an additional CTC (Command Training Center).
- For the next fiscal year, the plan is to replace the computer software program for the Command Training Center. Currently working on the RFP.
- At the request of Chair Olsen, UFRA will be working on ways to incorporate dispatchers into training.

Item #7, Approval by the Board of the proposed changes to R710-4. (A copy of this rule was sent to all Board Members, and a copy is included with the meeting minutes.)

- Chief Deputy Ted Black explained the changes to the rule. The changes are made to clarify the intent of the rule. They are minor changes, but very meaningful. Board Member Chris Kimball asked for clarification on mixed-use buildings with assembly rooms. Chief Deputy Black stated that this is an assembly use of over 300 within another occupancy. FM Porter added information about Class A loops.
- If this rule change is approved by the Board today, it will go through the State's change process and become effective in about 3 months.
- Motion made by Patrick Tomasino to approve the changes as submitted. Motion seconded by Chris Kimball. Motion passed.

Item #8, Approval by the Board to conduct the May Fire Prevention Board meeting virtually.

- Motion made by Frank Park to meet virtually for May Fire Prevention Board. Seconded by Derek Maxfield. Motion passed.

Item #9, Old Business: There was none.

Item #10, New Business: There was none.

Item #11, Next Board Meeting May 11, 2021, beginning 8:30 A.M.

Motion made by Joe Decker to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mike Phillips. Meeting adjourned.