

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Chris Kimball
Derek Maxfield
Brett Ostler
Frank Park
Patrick Tomasino

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jared Larson

STAFF PRESENT

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

STAFF ABSENT

Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal

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 – quorum present.

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

- Motion made by Craig Humphreys to approve the minutes; seconded by Derek Maxfield. Motion passed.

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

- Staff is staying busy – lots of requests and certifications going on throughout the state.
- No longer providing hard-copy certifications. Once a certification notice is received, it can be retrieved through the “system look-up” and printed from there. Hard-copies can be requested with payment of \$10 fee. An ID card is still being sent, but that will also be phased out and will soon require payment of \$10 fee.
- Worked on dealing with 1072-Demonstrating the set-up of multiple station decontamination corridor.
- Worked on the “Intent to Participate” form. It has been changed to be a “one use for all” form (affiliated or unaffiliated).
- Had to remove the term “manipulative” from our skills and standards, per ProBoard and IFSAC. This was a verbiage change.
- Welcome to Joan Aaron as our new certification program manager.
- Working to finish the test bank on the 8th edition of the instructor program.
- Received the accreditation approval from ProBoard for Officer 2, 3 and 4 and those are in place.
- Next meeting is November 17.

Item #4, Report to the Board by Ted Black, Chief Deputy, State Fire Marshal, concerning the status of R710-16, Rules Pursuant to Fire Service Certification and Non-Affiliated Training Organizations.

- R710-16 replaces the old R710-10 and is currently with the Rules committee. We hope to be able to present this at the January meeting.

Item #5, Report to the Board by Brad Wardle on the status of the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

- UFRA Annual Report was previously mailed out to Board Members. Mr. Wardle and Darryl Pranger reviewed highlights with a power point presentation. (Power point presentation can be viewed with the recorded meeting minutes.)

Item #6, Report to the Board by Ted Black, Chief Deputy, Utah State Fire Marshal, on pending legislation.

- Update on the situation with DOPL and the requirement to have a Fire Protection Engineer stamp all fire sprinkler and fire alarm plans. There have been meetings with DOPL and DOPL has agreed that this requirement will not be enforced until a resolution has been reached. The State Fire Marshal's Office has also met with legislators and legislation has been written to address this issue. The legislation will allow plans to be stamped by someone who is NICET certified at level 3 or 4, or by an engineer, which is essentially what we have been doing. Code officials will be exempted from this requirement and will continue to review plans for code compliance.

Item #7, Report to the Board by Brett Ostler, Forestry, Fire and State Lands Administrator, on the 2021 fire season.

- Jason Curry has been appointed Deputy Director of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. His previous position as Law Enforcement Officer/Division Fire Investigator will now be 2 separate positions. The Division is looking to grow their program specific to fire, and there will be additional positions to fill as time goes on.
- Statutorily, fire season in Utah ends October 31. For the first time in 5 years, they were able to close it on 10/31.
- Human caused fires at 50% this year. Last year was 76%. Prevention efforts through fire sense has helped.
- Ended the year with 1,084 actual fire responses. This is above the 10-year average, but a lot less than last year.
- State wide burned 63,480 acres (all agencies). 22,000 acres were state and private, and 22,845 acres were due to human-caused fires.
- \$43 million total suppression costs for all agencies (down from \$60 million last year). State's share of the cost was \$21 million (down from \$32 million last year). This was the first year it was not necessary to ask for supplemental money from the legislature.

Item #8, Approval by the Board to conduct the January 2022 Fire Prevention Board meeting virtually.

- Chair Olsen likes virtual as he feels we reach more people and get more participation. Chris Kimball also prefers virtual.
- Craig Humphreys suggested an open house or in-person meeting at least once a year, but does prefer virtual meetings. Craig also indicated his term as Board Member is coming to an end.
- Motion made by Patrick Tomasino to conduct January's meeting virtually. Seconded by Frank Park. Motion passed.

Item #9, Old Business: None

Item #10, New Business:

- Report from the Code Committee: Dave Powers reported on the code committee's findings on anti-freeze systems. After meetings, research, and discussions, the committee recommends allowing continued use of anti-freeze with existing systems, and dropping the 2022 deadline. As far as new systems, the committee agrees to stay in step with NFPA. They have a position paper written by Lynn Schofield and the committee agrees with this paper.
- Brad Wardle - Registration for Winter Fire School opens on November 19.

Item #11, Next Board Meeting January 11, 2022, beginning 8:30 am at Utah State Fire Marshal's office, 410 W 9800 S, Suite #372, Sandy, Utah 84070. This meeting will be both in-person and virtual.

- Motion to adjourn by Patrick Tomasino.