

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
May 09, 2023 Meeting Minutes
APPROVED**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Brett Ostler
Frank Park
Patrick Tomasino

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Kimball
Derek Maxfield

Jared Larson

STAFF PRESENT

Ted Black, State Fire Marshal
Jon Ritchie, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Jana DeMille, Board Secretary

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, and at the State Fire Marshal's Office. Board Member Roll Call – quorum present.

Item #2, Approval of the March 14, 2023 board meeting minutes.

- Motion made by Joseph Decker to approve the minutes; seconded by Brett Ostler. Motion passed.

Item #3, Approval of April 11, 2023, Fire Prevention Board, Appeals Hearing minutes.

- Motion made by Mike Phillip, Seconded by Brett Ostler. Motion passed.

The Board Meeting was suspended due to technical errors with the Google Meet connection. The meeting resumed a few minutes later.

Item #4, Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

Item #5, Report to the Board by Bradley Wardle, Director, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

Item #6, Legislative status of the 2021 International Fire Code, Ted Black, Utah State Fire Marshal.

- The 2021 Fire code will be adopted on July 1. We will need to run a cleanup bill to amend a few items. The 2021 amendment inserts will be ready shortly. The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) pointed out to the legislature that the more current your code adoptions are the more chance you have of obtaining certain federal grants. They were a big help in getting all of the codes through this year. We appreciate the efforts of the DEM.

Item #7, Approval by the Board to conduct the July 11, 2023, Fire Prevention Board meeting, virtually.

- Motion made by Brett Ostler, Seconded by Patrick Tomasino. Motion passed.

Item #8, Discussion of a proposed change to the International Fire Code. Ross Ford, Executive Director of the Utah Home Builders Association is proposing that the state change the meaning of the word “approved” in the code. Mr. Ford proposes that after the words, “fire code official” the state adds the words, “or licensed engineer, architect, or building inspector.”

Item #9, Proposed code changes to I-1 and I-2 health care facilities. Malcolm Campbell, Architect, Department of Health & Human Services.

- **R432-270-9. Residents' Rights.**

(5) Resident rights include the following:

(p) The right to leave the facility at any time and not be locked into any room, building, or on the facility premises during the day or night. Assisted living Type II residents who have been assessed to require a secure environment may be housed in a secure unit, provided the secure unit is approved by the fire authority having jurisdiction. This right does not prohibit the establishment of house rules such as locking doors at night for the protection of residents.

- State Fire Marshal, Ted Black explained Items #8 and #9, along with a 3rd item:

1) recommendation from the Utah Home Builders Association as outlined in Item 8 above;

2) recommendation from the Health Department regarding secured facilities as outlined in Item 9 above;

3) Luminous Egress Markings were changed in Building Code but not changed in the Fire Code

Fire Marshal Black recommends all three items be referred to the Fire Marshal Code Committee for recommendation to the Board for action.

- Motion made by Michael Phillips that these three items be sent to the Fire Marshal Code Committee for review. Seconded Frank Park. Motion passed.

Item #10, Old Business, none.

Item #11, New Business, none.

Item #12, Public Comment, none.

Item #13, Motion to Adjourn this meeting made by Michael Phillips. Seconded by Brett Ostler. Motion carries.

The next Board Meeting is July 11, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Utah State Fire Marshal’s office, or virtually.