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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION – RULES

Tuesday, June 9th, 2020
9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League
Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighter Training Division/Recording Secretary
Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal (virtual meeting moderator)
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator, Fire Fighter Training Division

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs	
Adam Carroll, Hartland Twp. Fire Department	Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Adam Munro, Macomb Twp. Fire Department	Ken Hobbs, Ypsilanti Fire Department
Andy Down, Long Lake Twp. Fire Department	Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College RTC
Bill Parker, Blair & Paradise Twp. Fire Department	Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department
Bryan Kukla, Frankenlust Fire Department	Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. Fire Department
Chris Stoecklein, canton Fire Department	Mike Yanz, Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority
Corey Miller, Berkley Dept. Of Public Safety	Nick Miller, Hamburg Twp. Fire Department
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department	Robert Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Jack White, Shelby-Benona Fire Department	Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department
Jeff Roberts, Wixom Fire Department	Robert Vogel, South Lyon Fire Department
Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department	Steven McGee, Holly Fire Department
John Cieslik, Rochester Fire Department	Steven McKellar, Plainfield Twp Fire Department
John Pender, Orion Twp. Fire Department	

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Before **Chairperson Tackett** called the special meeting to order, he announced a roll call vote will be done for any motion put forth to council during this meeting and read the following introduction to everyone in the virtual meeting:

In order to minimize disruptions, until the time designated by the Council for public comment, members of the public will be muted to the Council and other attendees and participants. During the time designated by the Council for public comment, members of public will no longer be muted and may participate and provide their comments by orderly speaking using the microphone on their phone. All existing Council rules regarding public comment (including rules designed to minimize disruptions and allow for full public participation) still apply.

All quorum rules still apply. In the event of a disconnection caused by the meeting host, the Council will be considered to be in recess. Every effort will be made to reestablish a publicly accessible connection. If the host is unable to do so within a period of 30 minutes from the time of the disconnection, the Council will adjourn and not address any new business until its next meeting. Any decisions made prior to the disconnection will be binding. The Council will not recess or adjourn due to technical or other issues experienced by individual members of the public that render them unable to attend or participate in the meeting.”

Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 9:04 A.M. Roll call was taken

Chairperson Tackett – present
Councilperson Blomstrom – present
Councilperson Styles – absent
Councilperson White – present
Councilperson Blackmer – present
Councilperson Janik– present
Councilperson Steichen – present
Councilperson Pettinger – present
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – present

A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-06-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to approve the June 9th, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – absent
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Blackmer – yes
Councilperson Janik– yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated June 4th, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed with Fire Marshal Sehlmeier advising the council that he spoke with Andy Bezenah from RAFT regarding Pro Board and reciprocity. Fire marshal is in talks with Pro Board to work through language to add to the draft rules. Council worked through the draft document making changes to grammar and clarifying language. After a ten (10) minute break, council added federal and teacher reciprocity language to Part 2. Classifications.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department: inquired on how to get access to recordings of previous June 4, 2020 meeting.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Tackett: Reminder that the meeting is at 1:30pm and not 1:00pm.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Excellent work done today. Reiterates Aileen's comments; this is a living document that represents all different aspects of the fire service and not just a particular group. Throughout this process there has been concessions that have been made from all members but ultimately has all of the fire service as a whole in mind.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Blackmer: We had a good morning, got a lot accomplished. It is nice to see we are getting towards the end.

Councilperson Janik: Happy for the strong work done this morning. Appreciates the work and flexibility of everyone involved.

Councilperson Steichen: Thanked everyone for their time and patience. He was able to compare the original document with the current draft rules, we have come a long way and looks forward to finishing up the draft rules.

Councilperson Pettinger: Wishes everyone in the public would remember that this council represents the whole fire service, not just certain groups and be patient with us as that we are looking for the betterment of the whole fire services not just certain individuals or group. Asks that public be patient with the draft rules process.

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier: We had a good meeting this morning. The rules process is ongoing and provides clear guidance for BFS staff to answer questions and to help individuals who are coming to Michigan or those who are looking to move up in rank or certain training level. At the end of the day, BFS wants to provide the best service for the whole fire service in the state. We could not get there without the work of the training council.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-06-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to adjourn the special meeting/work session.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes

Councilperson Blomstrom – yes

Councilperson Styles – absent

Councilperson White –yes

Councilperson Blackmer – yes

Councilperson Janik– yes

Councilperson Steichen – yes


Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember