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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION – RULES
Monday, May 18, 2020
1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
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:

Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League

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)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Bart Pickelman, Director of MIOSHA
Adam Carroll, Hartland Twp. Fire Department
Andy Down, Long Lake Twp. Fire Department
Aric Massingill, Adrian Fire Department
Bill Parker, Atlas Twp. Fire Department
Bill Forbush, Presque Isle Twp. Fire Department
Brandon Hausbeck, Saginaw Fire Department
Christopher Van Loo, Saginaw Fire Department
Corey Miller, Berkley Dept. Of Public Safety
Dave Glotzbach, Muskegon Twp. Fire Department
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Jack White, Shelby-Benona Fire Department
Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department
Jim Williams, Kalamazoo Dept. Of Public Safety
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department
Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. Fire Department
Matthew Covey, Waterford Twp. Fire Department
MMFC
Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Robert Smith, Royal Oak Fire Department
Ryan Tibbets, Kalamazoo Dept. Of Public Safety
Steven McKellar, Plainfield 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 1:01 PM. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-05-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the May 18, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – yes
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes

Councilperson Blackmer – absent
Councilperson Janik – absent
Councilperson Steichen – absent
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier - absent

Five 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 May 11, 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 on page 33 of the draft rules with council adding clarifying language to continuing education. Bart Pickelman, Director of MIOSHA, was available to answer any questions regarding continuing education in relation to MIOSHA standards. Director Pickelman also clarified MIOSHA language for continuing education. A discussion was had regarding validation of fire fighter continuing education requirements. After a ten (10) minute break, council referenced resources to clarify the disciplinary appeal hearing process.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department: Offered the EMS disciplinary process to reference for MFFTC rules update. Chief Flynn asked council to look into “check the box” language on continuing education compliance. He also asked Fire Marshal Sehmeyer about his thoughts on the email that was sent to him and the council regarding the rules and if Fire Marshal planned on giving a written response to his email.

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety: Commented that MIOSHA certification standard seem to be going in the direction of every 3 years, which may end up getting BFS in tight spot with all the certifications being at different times. Mr. Ginther also reiterated his appreciation for these virtual meetings as they allow him to enjoy a good Kuba Kuba in his garage while participating.

Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department: Inquired about if council would recognize reciprocity of IFSAC/ProBoard certifications.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Steichen: Conveyed it was nice to get through the subrules. Feels group has done a good job and thanked everyone for their time.

Councilperson Styles: None.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Feels good about to be close to the end of the process, looking forward to Monday. Also mentioned that the Curriculum Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to go over Fire Officer I exam.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Blackmer: None.

Councilperson Pettinger: Appreciates that council was able to have good discussion on earlier topics. Asks that when people send correspondence to make it clear if it is to council or to the fire marshal.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanked everyone for coming. Appreciates those who are signing in to the meeting and providing input and feedback. Informed participants of Executive Order 77 that allows first responder to resume training and that he has been developing guidelines to get back to training safely.

Chairperson Tackett: Appreciates everyone’s time and patience. Mentioned sending out a revised list of rules versus laws to council.

Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs: Said that she provided fire marshal with a few examples to use to formulate the disciplinary proceedings portion of the rules.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-05-04

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

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilperson Blomstrom – yes

Councilperson Styles – yes

Councilperson Blackmer – yes

Councilperson Steichen – yes

Councilperson Pettinger – yes

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer – yes

Councilperson White – absent

Councilperson Janik – absent

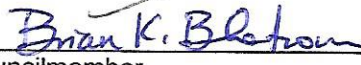
Chairperson Tackett - absent

Six votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember