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**MINUTES  
MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
WORK SESSION - RULES**

Bureau of Fire Services – Conference Room B  
3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019  
9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association  
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society  
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association (via conference call until 10:00 a.m. and in person after)  
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League  
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal  
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union  
Kevin Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:**

Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal/Recording Secretary  
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Liz Arasim, LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs  
Chris Mantels, Saugatuck Township Fire District  
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department  
Mark Cleveland, Muskegon County  
Chris VanLoo, Saginaw Fire Department  
Dave Glotzbach, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Ryan Kept, St. Clair Shores Fire Department  
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department  
Jim Fisher, Gerrish Township Fire Department  
Chris Stoecklein, Canton Fire Department  
Josh Meier, Canton Fire Department  
Steve Perna, Warren Fire Department

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting/work session to order at 9:25 a.m. A quorum was determined present.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**19-6-01**

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Styles** to approve the special meeting agenda for June 11, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules was provided to the council for review. The strike-bold document had been updated to reflect the revisions discussed at the special meeting/work session on May 15, 2019. Since the last meeting, Liz Arasim with the LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs and Councilperson White also cleaned up the document for the council's review on June 11, 2019.

The council reviewed the draft while Region Coordinator TJ Richardson made changes to the document per the current discussion. The discussion included a review of the general provisions, classifications for firefighters, reciprocity to include whether IFSAC or ProBoard certifications can be accepted.

The topic of reciprocity will be discussed more in depth at another meeting. Hollie Metts will look into setting up another work session before the regular meeting in August.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Chris Mantels, Saugatuck Township Fire District:** Shared that he is interested to hear further from the council on the topic of reciprocity, especially out of state reciprocity. He added that in-state classes may not always work the best for scheduling and availability.

**Ryan Kept, St. Clair Shores Fire Department:** Echoed Deputy Chief Mantels comments regarding out of state reciprocity and doesn't feel it will undermine the State of Michigan's authority. As an employer, he added that out of state reciprocity may expand the candidate pool for filling vacant positions.

**Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department:** Shared that he appreciates the work the council is doing on the rules. He understands it is not an easy process and found the work session to be very informative.

**V. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

**Councilperson Blomstrom:** None.

**Councilperson Styles:** None.

**Councilperson White:** None.

**Councilperson Blackmer:** None.

**Councilperson Janik:** None.

**Councilperson Steichen:** Thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting and for their input.

**Councilperson Pettinger:** None.

**Fire Marshal Sehmeyer:** The Fire Marshal also thanked the attendees for coming to the meeting and bureau staff for their work to prepare for the meeting. The Fire Marshal appreciates the council coming together today for the work session.


**Chairperson Tackett:** Advised that we will look into scheduling another work session in early August. He would also like to discuss having a deadline to vote on our draft before moving to the next step in the administrative rules process.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

**19-6-02**

A **MOTION** was made **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to adjourn the special meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Chairperson Tackett

  
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Councilmember