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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION - RULES

Thursday, April 30, 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
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Erickson, LARA Communications (virtual meeting moderator)
Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Brandon Hausbeck, Saginaw Fire Department
Bryan Kukla, Frankenlust Fire Department
Christopher Van Loo, Saginaw Fire Department
Cindy Conrad, South Lyon Fire Department
Dave Glotzbach, Muskegon Twp. Fire Department
David McNally, Van Buren Fire Department
David Pelton, Walker Fire Department
Doug
Greg Mowbray, Brighton Area Fire Authority
Jack White, Shelby-Benona Fire Department
Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Chief Down, Long Lake Fire Department
Mark Cleveland, Muskegon County
Michael O'Brian, Brighton Area Fire Authority
Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department
Mike Kennedy, Ann Arbor Fire Department
Mike Koehler, Troy Fire Department
Muskegon Fire Instructors
North West Michigan Regional Training Center
Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Robert Smith, Dowagiac Fire Department
Scott Harkes, Allendale Fire Department

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

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

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 1:07 PM. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-04-06

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the April 30, 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 Janik – yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Councilperson Blackmer - absent

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 March 9, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFTD Department Technician, Andrea Keown, made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed on page 13 of the draft rules with council adding reciprocity language to the remaining qualifications. A brief discussion was had regarding census population and public safety director certification requirements. Council decided to remove

population language and update the public safety director reciprocity requirements to reflect equal certifications across the board. After a ten (10) minute break, council made some clarifications to the disciplinary process language.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety – Asked that council take another look at the fire investigator reciprocity requirements and enquired if firework funds can be re-appropriated to different courses.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Steichen: Felt this meeting was productive and looks forward to the next one.

Councilperson Styles: "Everyone stay safe out there."

Councilperson Blomstrom: Stated he was happy with what was accomplished during the meeting and is hopeful the council can wrap up the draft rules soon.

Councilperson White: Agreed with Councilperson Blomstrom that a lot was accomplished during the work session.

Councilperson Janik: Good job, everyone. He will have comments for the next meeting.

Councilperson Pettinger: Agreed that a lot was accomplished and appreciates the audience's patience.

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier: Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Thanked Liz Arasim for doing the research on the legislative side of the rules and asked Hollie and Andrea to coordinate another rules work session. The Fire Marshal updated council on the upcoming Fire Officer I online course and hoped that everyone stays healthy and stay safe.

Chairperson Tackett: Thanked everyone who participated.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-04-07

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

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes

Councilperson Blomstrom – yes

Councilperson Styles – yes

Councilperson White – yes

Councilperson Janik – yes

Councilperson Steichen – yes


Councilperson Pettinger – yes

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Councilperson Blackmer - absent

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember