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MINUTES
State Fire Safety Board Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting:

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Conference Code: 732650

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julie Bulson, Representing Hospital Administrators
Steven Densmore, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Randall Halstead, Liquefied Petroleum or Flammable Compressed Gas Industry
Kenneth Herbart, Chair, Representing Registered Architects
Tina Kerr, Representing School Board Administrators/Members
Andrew Marceau, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Tavis Millerov, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Jeramie Morris, Representing the Chemical Manufacturing Industry
Patrick Phelan, Representing the Professional Engineers
Dylan Rogers, Representing Places of Public Assemblage
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal/Director, Ex-Officio Member
Brian Talvensaari, Representing Fire Departments in the Upper Peninsula
David Williams, Representing the Licensed Electrical Contractors
Robert Williams, Representing the Building Trades

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lindsey Haley, Representing Owners of Adult Foster Care Facilities
Paul Korte, Representing the Nursing Home Industry
Kenneth Letts, Representing the Flammable Liquids Industry

OTHER BUREAU ATTENDEES:

Hollie Metts, LARA/BFS, Executive Secretary

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Anthony, Shiawassee County Children's Services

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The State Fire Safety Board meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. Chairman Kenneth Herbart lead all attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and read a virtual meeting introduction advising of the procedures for the meeting, public comment, and the steps that

would be taken if the meeting were disconnected. Roll call was taken by executive secretary, Hollie Metts. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

21-1-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Steven Densmore** and seconded by **Board Member Tavis Millerov** to approve the meeting agenda for January 21, 2021, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

- Board Member Bulson – Support
- Board Member Densmore – Support
- Board Member Haley – Absent
- Board Member Halstead – Support
- Chairman Herbart – Support
- Board Member Kerr – Support
- Board Member Korte – Absent
- Board Member Letts - Absent
- Board Member Marceau – Absent (internet issues)
- Board Member Millerov – Support
- Board Member Morris – Support
- Board Member Phelan – Support
- Board Member Rogers – Support
- Fire Marshal Sehlmeier - Support
- Board Member Talvensaari - Support
- Board Member D. Williams - Support
- Board Member R. Williams – Support

Total Votes: Support 13, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 4. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

21-1-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Patrick Phelan** and seconded by **Board Member David Williams** to approve the meeting minutes from December 3, 2020, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

- Board Member Bulson – Support
- Board Member Densmore – Support
- Board Member Haley – Absent
- Board Member Halstead – Support
- Chairman Herbart – Support
- Board Member Kerr – Support
- Board Member Korte – Absent
- Board Member Letts - Absent
- Board Member Marceau – Absent (internet issues)
- Board Member Millerov – Support
- Board Member Morris – Support
- Board Member Phelan – Support
- Board Member Rogers – Support
- Fire Marshal Sehlmeier - Support
- Board Member Talvensaari - Support
- Board Member D. Williams - Support

Board Member R. Williams – Support

Total Votes: Support 13, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 4. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Anthony, Shiawassee County Children’s Services: Attending on behalf of another group regarding a foster care placement issue. They had hoped to gain some perspective from the State Fire Marshal’s Office concerning a possible living situation but believes the issue may be resolved as the others were not in attendance.

V. STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT:

a. Bureau Update: Bureau staff continue to work remotely and only go into the office as needed. The Fire Marshal expects staff to telework through March 2021. Virtual meetings may also continue through March 30, 2021.

b. MI Prevention Update:

- i. Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared with the board how MI Prevention is collecting the data and the trends identified. Currently, MI Prevention is in the process of developing videos to target the disabled community.
- ii. Also, on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm, the bureau will virtually host Its Friday with MI Prevention featuring special guests from the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department to discuss youth firesetting.
- iii. Governor Whitmer proclaimed January 18 through January 24, 2021 Community Risk Reduction Week in Michigan.
- iv. NFPA has selected several Michigan Fire Department to participate in a Community Risk Reduction pilot project and assessment. The fire departments include the City of Alpena Fire Department, Farmington Hills Fire Department, Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department, and the Rochester Hills Fire Department.

c. Fatal Fires: In 2020, there were a total of 122 fire fatalities in Michigan. There was much discussion on the infographic that was shared with the board. So far in 2021, there have been 5 fire fatalities.

d. Fireworks Appeal: Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that one appeal previously heard by the State Fire Safety Board has moved to circuit court.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that House Bill 4792 (fueling) was vetoed in December. He expects this bill to be reintroduced in the new session.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

a) NFIRS Report 2020: Due to issues with the federal system software upgrade, BFS staff were not able to run the 2020 incident reports. This item will be discussed at the next meeting on March 18, 2021.

IX. STATE FIRE SAFETY BOARD COMMENT:

Chairman Herbart: Confirmed that the board members received the calendar invites for the 2021 meetings.

X. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

21-1-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Robert Williams** and seconded by **Board Member Brian Talvensaari** to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member Bulson – Support
Board Member Densmore – Support
Board Member Haley – Absent
Board Member Halstead – Support
Chairman Herbart – Support
Board Member Kerr – Support
Board Member Korte – Absent
Board Member Letts - Absent
Board Member Marceau – Support
Board Member Millerov – Support
Board Member Morris – Support
Board Member Phelan – Support
Board Member Rogers – Support
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier - Support
Board Member Talvensaari - Support
Board Member D. Williams - Support
Board Member R. Williams – Support

Total Votes: Support 14, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 3. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm

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APPROVED: March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting (motion #21-3-02).