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**MINUTES**  
**State Fire Safety Board Meeting**  
Thursday, December 3, 2020  
1:00 p.m.

**Via Zoom Meeting:**

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Phone: 216-706-7075 or 866-390-1828 (US Toll Free)

Conference Code: 394127

**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  
Paul Korte, Representing the Nursing Home Industry (present until 2:00 pm)  
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  
Tina Kerr, Representing School Board Administrators/Members  
Kenneth Letts, Representing the Flammable Liquids Industry

**OTHER BUREAU ATTENDEES:**

Hollie Metts, LARA/BFS, Executive Secretary

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Sural, Brycer

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

The State Fire Safety Board meeting was called to order at 1:08 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:**

**20-12-01**

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Robert Williams** and seconded by **Board Member Jeramie Morris** to approve the meeting agenda for 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 – Absent
- Board Member Korte – Support
- 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.**

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**20-12-02**

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Robert Williams** and seconded by **Board Member Patrick Phelan** to approve the meeting minutes from September 24, 2020 and November 12, 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 – Absent
- Board Member Korte – Support
- 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.**

Board Member David Williams apologized for his absence at the November meeting as there was some confusion with regard to his appointment start date and his board member orientation.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mark Sural, Brycer:** Provided an overview of Brycer, a Chicago based company that specializes in fire suppression system compliance. Mr. Brycer stated they would like to help fire departments become more efficient and help authorities having jurisdiction have a better idea of the deficiencies and impairments in facilities in their communities.

**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.
- b. **MI Prevention Update:** On Friday, December 11, 2020 at 2:00 pm, the bureau will virtually host Its Friday with MI Prevention featuring special guest Charon McNabb with the National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Association. He welcomed board members to attend the virtual meeting if interested.
- c. **Fatal Fires:** To date, there have been a total of 111 fire fatalities in Michigan. In comparison, there were a total of 102 last year (2019) and 138 in 2018.
- d. **Wednesday Wrap Up:** On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, the bureau will also host the last Wednesday Wrap Up for 2020. We will take a break throughout the holidays and resume in January after the new year. These virtual meetings will continue bi-weekly at 4:00 pm with a monthly option to attend in the evening at 7:00 pm.

- VI. eNFIRS:** Issues with bulk imports have been resolved. Hollie Metts has been training with Rhonda Howard, the bureau's NFIRS Program Manager, as her back-up. The Fire Marshal also shared that he will a NFIRS summary for all represented industries at the January meeting.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that although we are now in "lame duck" session, he is hopeful to see some movement on House Bill 4792 (fueling) and cancer presumption legislation before the end of the year. Any legislation not passed by December 31, 2020 will have to be re-introduced next session.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a) Proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule:**

**20-12-03**

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Steven Densmore** and seconded by **Board Member Jeramie Morris** to approve the 2021 meeting schedule 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 – Absent  
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 13, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 4. **MOTION CARRIED.** Note: Meeting locations pending due to COVID and restrictions on in-person meetings.

**b) Vice Chair Position (Replacement for Sabin):** Board members cast their vote for the vice chairperson position.

Total Votes: Jeramie Morris 7, Robert Williams 6.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**IX. STATE FIRE SAFETY BOARD COMMENT:**

Chairman Herbart wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

**X. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:**

**20-12-04**

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Steven Densmore** and seconded by **Board Member Jeramie Morris** 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 – Absent  
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 13, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 4. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 1:00 pm  
Location: TBD – virtual via Zoom

**APPROVED:** January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting (motion #21-1-2).