

Certified Fire Investigator Board Meeting
OSFM Offices
January 5, 2025
10:00 AM

Attendees: Andy Thomas Matt Davis (TEAMS)
 Dustin Burkett (TEAMS) Buddy Thompson (TEAMS)
 Jason Davis (TEAMS) Derrick Clouston
 Chris Smith Barry Overman (TEAMS)
 Lee Newcomb

Staff: Brian Wade Monna Gillespie
 Michele Thomas Kim Williams

Guests: Robert Thomas

Chairman Freddy Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Derrick Clouston moved to accept the minutes from the June 26, 2024. Lee Newcomb seconded the motion. Approved.

Committee Reports

Matt Davis stated the application process was good. Freddy Johnson and Matt Davis will discuss the report at the April Meeting.

Brian Wade provided test bank update. Needs direction on what to use. Freddy, Dustin and Lee have NC specific questions ready and will send them in. References to FARBE need to be listed.

Appeals - None

Old Business

Fire Investigation Experience – Wildland Only – Lee requested that students know the test is primary structure related.

Courses 210 and 310 would be good courses to be held at the conference.

Derrick made a motion to add Courses 210 and 310 as Tier 1 approved courses. Lee Newcomb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CFI Update – Brian Wade

The majority have completed the legal update. Work can now begin on an online legal update. Freddy requested students be able to click through knowledge checks throughout the program.

New Business

Andy Thomas reviewed a list of the Winter Conference courses.

Andy made a motion to approve the following courses:

NCIAAI Winter Conference February 18-20,2025 Carolina Beach, NC

CFI00030 - NC CFI Legal Update 2024 - Lisa Coltrain

CFI00060 - Avenues of Challenge for the Expert Witness - Donel Braxton/Chris Elrod

CFI00062 - Motor Vehicle Fire Investigation - Chris Elrod

CFI00061 - Marine Fire Investigation - Adam Holloway

Seconded by Barry Overman. Motion passed.

NFA Youth Firesetter Course Review

Derrick Clouston made a motion to approve the N0633 Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist, N0621 Youth Firesetter Interviewing and Educational Intervention Strategies and N 0634 Program Manager two-day courses for Tier One and recertification credit. Seconded by Andy Thomas. Motion passed.

Derrick Clouston made a motion to approve the R0629 Youth Firesetter Intervention six day course for Tier One and recertification credit. Seconded by Lee Newcomb. Motion passed.

Lee Newcomb made a motion to approve the Fall Conference Courses that were approved by email.

NC/SC IAAI Conference – Classed listed below: CFI00049-57

CFI00049 NCIB Resources

CFI00050 CPSC Resources

CFI00051 MUSC
CFI00052 Mental Health in EMS: The right tool for the right job
CFI00053 NC Crime lab/Trace Evidence 101
CFI00054 EV/Solar/LI Batteries
CFI00055 Confirmation & Expectation Bias: How do you Un-ring the bell?
CFI00056 Emerging trends in Technology for fire investigators
CFI00057 Understanding CSST & Lightning ATF LODD Analysis
CFI00058 Vehicle Fire Investigation

Seconded by Andy Thomas. Motion passed.

Barry Overman made a motion approve Courtroom Testimony Course NC IAAI Eastern NC Winter conference. Seconded by Dustin Burkett. Motion passed

Application Requests – Monna Gillespie

Total CFI Applications submitted 22

Approved – 14

Denied – 4

Pending – 1

Barry Overman made a motion to approve the CFI applications as presented. Chris Smith seconded the motion. Approved.

Next CFI Board Meeting Schedule

April 2, 2025

July 2, 2025

October 1, 2025

Adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Williams