

Certified Fire Investigator Board Meeting

OSFM Offices

June 17, 2026

In-person and TEAMS Meeting

10:00 AM

Attendees:	Freddy Johnson	Lee Newcomb	Andy Thomas
	Taylor Marsh	Kevin Waldrup (Teams)	Jason Davis (Teams)
	Derrick Clouston (Teams)	Buddy Thompson (Teams)	
Excused:	D.R. Burkett	Barry Overman	
Staff:	Brian Wade	Monna Gillespie	Michele Thomas
	Michael Caviness	Kyle Heuser	Kevin Gordon
		Nick Sorenseen	
Guests:	None		

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

Brian Wade gave the invocation.

Lee Newcomb moved to approve the agenda. Taylor Marsh seconded the motion. Approved.

Buddy Thompson moved to approve the March 25, 2026, minutes. Andy Thomas seconded the motion. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Application Committee – CFI Application was approved at the F&R Commission Board on 4-14-2026.

Training Committee – Classes submitted.

Test bank – No Change

Brian Wade said that F&R Commission staff was full and moving forward with the reaccreditation with IFSAC.

Barry Overman voiced concerns about the number of Legal Updates classes offered. Kevin Gordon informed the board that there will be Arcadis training in the middle of July. Devin Creech will be the testing administrator and will be assisting with moving all tests banks for IFSAC and then 5 rewrites for certifications programs will be created. CFI Legal update and Chief 101 will be next for putting updates/classes online. Lisa Coltrain will give us her presentation and then do a voice over. This will help with the mandatory legal update.

Appeals - None

Old Business

New Business

Kevin Gordon spoke concerning CFI Reaccreditation – Application and correlation sheets with a few edits is going through audit control and then will be submitted to IFSAC.

Freddy Johnson spoke concerning NFPA 1033 Chapter 4 - Discussion pertaining to Continuing Education hours, and whether there was authority to take away certification due to lack of con ed hours and 10-year requirement for training on the CFI Application. Freddy will assign a committee to work with attorneys (Kyle Heuser and Nick Sorensen) on recommendations changes for administrative rule changes.

Application Requests – Monna Gillespie

Total CFI Applications submitted 9
Approved – 8
Denied – 1

Lee Newcomb moved to recommend the CFI Applications to the F&R Commission Board for approval as presented by Monna Gillespie. Andy Thomas seconded the motion. Approved.
Monna Gillespie will submit the form to Kim Williams to be placed in the F&R Commission Board packet.

Andy Thomas moved to recommend The Paper Trail class by OSFM FIU and CID staff and Advanced Fire Scene Evidence Collection Technique and Methods class by NCIAAI Instructors to the F&R Commission Board for approval. Lee Newcomb seconded the motion. Approved.

Andy Thomas moved to affirm and recommend the following classes that were approved via email to the F&R Commission Board for approval. Lee Newcomb seconded the motion. Approved.

The Defensible Investigation Report	Wayne Delancey
Writing the Curriculum Vitae for Qualification as an Expert Witness	Wayne Delancey
Small Appliances and working with Private Investigators	Kyle Kohler
Unusual Ignition Sequences: Thinking outside the Box... and Sometimes Outside the Origin	Dennis Zigrang
The Examination of blunt, sharp, and High-Velocity Trauma in Burned Human Remains	Darren Solomon
Understanding the Modern Fire Environment: A Practical Approach for Fire Investigators	Adam St. John
Understanding Principles of Wildland Fire Behavior/Effects and Principles	Dwayne Vigil & NC Forestry Service
LP Gas for Investigators	Michael Forbis/Tom Pressley

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Next CFI Board Meeting Schedule
September 23, 2026

Andy Thomas moved to adjourn at 10:50 am. Lee Newcomb seconded the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Monna Gillespie