

Certified Fire Investigator Board Meeting
OSFM Offices
March 25, 2026
In-person Meeting
10:00 AM

Attendees: Buddy Thompson Freddy Johnson Jason Davis
 Barry Overman Andy Thomas Kevin Waldrup

Staff: Brian Wade Monna Gillespie Kyle Heuser

Guests: Denise Stanford

Chairman Freddy Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Barry Overman gave the invocation.

Andy Thomas moved to approve the agenda. Buddy Thompson seconded the motion.
Approved.

December 17, 2025 Minutes Andy Thomas moved to approve the minutes. Barry Overman seconded the motion. Approved.

Freddy Johnson recognized the attendance of Kyle Heuser (OSFM attorney) and Denise Stanford (DOJ attorney). Kyle gave an update of personnel change. Nick Sorensen (DOJ) will take over as counsel for the F&R Commission in place of Dilcy Burton, who has been reassigned. Kyle gave some recommendations for the CFI Board as presenting Applicants names and course submittals to the F&R Commission Board as recommendations for F&R Commission discussion and approval. Discussion.

Freddy directed Monna to submit to the F&R Commission Board both forms as presented.

Kyle also recommended some rules to support the application in the NC Admin Code. Freddy directed Kyle and Andy Thomas to work together on application and proposed rules additions. Discussion on Submittals and time deadlines.

Committee Reports:

Application Committee – Discussion on proposed changes that will come before the F&R Commission Board on 4-14-2026. Discussion on Checklist. Freddy requested that a sample application be put on the website. Discussion on the re-certification process. Freddy requested Brian Wade to have Kevin Gordon at the June meeting pertaining to the IFSAC re-certification requirements.

Training Committee - Coastal Conference had 87 attendees.

Andy Thomas will submit a packet for approval for the NC IAAI Spring Conference via email. He gave a quick agenda review.

Automation Process – DOI IT personnel changes – Monna Gillespie is keying manually.

Test bank - Brian Wade really nothing new. A position for a Testing Administrator posted online yesterday.

Brian Wade spoke about the onboarding of new employees. Lisa Coltrain and Craig Jarman are talking about the creation of online legal update through Moodle. This will be easier after new employees are in place.

Appeals - None

Old Business

New Business

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

Discussion

Anatomy of the Stove Fire: Accident, Anomaly or Arson – John Bull

Candle Explosions – John Golder

Virtual Reality in Fire Investigations – John Golder

Fire Scene Photography "Knowing how to use your camera" – Patrick Barker

Large Vehicle Drag Brake Fires – Mark Nelson

Appliances – Michael Jordan

Up in Smoke 2026 – Lisa Coltrain

Freddy introduced Kevin Waldrup as Matt Davis' replacement approved by the F&R Commission Board at their last meeting.

Application Requests – Monna Gillespie

Total CFI Applications submitted 7
Approved – 4
Denied – 2
Pending – 1

Buddy Thompson 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.

Next CFI Board Meeting Schedule
June 24, 2026

Andy Thomas moved to adjourn at 11:23 am. Buddy Thompson seconded the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Monna Gillespie