

**Fire Rescue Commission Meeting  
North Carolina Emergency Training Center  
39563 Warrior Way  
New London, NC 28127**

**October 14, 2025**

**Members in Attendance:** Harley Cook                      Ryan Cole                      Freddy Johnson  
Robert Poe                      Gary Whitman                      Sott Mullins                      Josh Smith  
Tim Henshaw                      Vernon Massengill                      Walter Gardner                      Brent Gordon  
Mason James                      Steve Roberson (Online)                      Brian Taylor

**Others present:** Kevin Gordon                      Chris Decker                      Brian Wade  
Ben Smith                      Michele Thomas                      Kyle Heuser  
Kim Williams

**Welcome and Call to Order** – Harley Cook 10:00 a.m.

**Invocation** – Walter Gardner

**Ethics Statement** – Harley Cook

Approval of agenda – Brent Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Freddy Johnson made a motion to approve the July 15, 2025, minutes. Robert Poe seconded. Motion passed.

**Appointments**

**Fire and Rescue Commission**

**Brent Gordon reappointed by the Speaker of the House**

**Scott Mullins reappointed by the Governor**

**Mason James appointed by President Pro Tempore Senate**

**Board Reports**

**Certification Board – Joel Faircloth**

The Board met in June and September. Joel reviewed the Certification Board’s Online Proposal. The FRC wants to move towards online testing. Ryan Cole made a motion to have OSFM look

into online testing, using the programs that OSFM delivers. Gary Whitman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Certified Fire Investigator Board – Freddy Johnson**

The Board met and reviewed applications. Nominations for Matt Davis's position on the Board came in and will be reviewed and presented at the January Commission meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Kyle Heuser**

The existing rules were approved as being necessary. There will be a 60-day waiting period, then the rules will be submitted for a readoption date.

The new rules have not been submitted. We are waiting on the Omnibus Bill to pass giving the Fire and Rescue Commission statutory authority.

Ryan Cole requested that the FRC and all their Board meetings be made available online. Allowing everyone to watch. Staff will look into purchasing the necessary equipment to make this happen. It should allow only staff and members to speak.

Ryan Cole made a motion to have proposals and draft minutes from Board meetings sent to the FRC members within two weeks of the meeting and proposals presentations. Tim Henshaw seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Williams