

**Fire Rescue Commission Meeting
Buncombe County Training Center
Woodfin, NC**

October 11, 2022

Member Attendees:	Phil Welch, Vice Chair	Ryan Cole
	Cloyce Anders	Freddy Johnson
	Kevin Gordon	Vernon Massengill
	Tim Henshaw	Scott Mullins
	Gary Whitman	Andy Thomas

Others present: Monna Gillespie, Matt Thorpe, Shawn Haynes, Ashley Iceman, Mike Williams, Brian Wade, Katherine Burton, Paul Ward

Welcome and call to order – Vice Chair – Phil Welch 10:00 AM

Invocation – Phil Welch

Ethics Statement - Phil Welch

Approval of Agenda as presented- Freddy Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Cloyce Anders seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of April minutes – Kevin Gordon made a motion to approve the April 2022 minutes. Freddy Johnson seconded. Motion approved.

Appointments:

Kevin Gordon was reappointed to the Fire & Rescue Commission Board via Letter from Tim Moore – Speaker of the House.

Freddy Johnson moved to reappoint Josh Smith to Fire & rescue Commission Board. Cloyce Anders 2nd. Motion Approved.

Freddy Johnson moved to reappoint Gary Whitman to the Workers Compensation Board. Andy Thomas seconded. Gary Whitman withdrew his name. Scott Mullins moved to appoint Josh Shumate to the Workers Compensation Board. Ryan Cole 2nd. Motion Approved.

Kevin Gordon moved to appoint Barry Overman (OSFM representative) and Derrick Clouston (representative from the Cert Board) to the CFI Board. Ryan Cole 2nd. Motion Approved.

Phil Welch reappointed Derrick Clouston to The Cert Board.

Kevin Gordon moved to reappoint Walter Gardner Jr. to the Cert Board. Ryan Cole 2nd. Motion Approved.

Kevin Gordon moved to reappoint Lee Newcomb to the CFI Board. Cloyce Anders 2nd. Motion Approved.

Board Reports

Certification Board - Chair Kevin Gordon

Certification Board - October 4, 2022.

Chief 101 Review – updates – annual online. Live Fire – 5 phases – staff recommend switching Phase 2 and 3. Proposal and discussion. Ground Ops 9 – Switch age to 17. Discussion. Appointed TR Committee for new standard. Fire Instructor Hybrid Course Offerings Via Pitt CC – Level 1 & 2 proposal. Next Certification Board meeting is Jun 14, 2022. Freddy Johnson moved to accept the Certification Board report. Scott Mullins 2nd. Motion Approved.

Volunteer Safety Workers Compensation Board – Cloyce Anders – See attachment

Scott Mullins moved to accept Worker Compensation Board report. Freddy Johnson 2nd. Motion Approved.

Certified Fire Investigator Board - Freddy Johnson

Mortarium has expired. Re-certification process is 4 electives and 1 law update mandatory every 5 years. 6 classes approved already. CFI numbers will be generated, and rosters will be created for each instructor. Freddy Johnson moved to approve the 6 courses. Tim Henshaw 2nd. Motion approved. Freddy Johnson moved to use October 11, 2022, for the IFSAC seal recertification for all active/current CFI persons. Cloyce Anders 2nd. Motion Approved. Freddy Johnson moved for the CFI Board to approve the courses without having to come to the Commission Board for final approval. Ryan Cole 2nd. Motion Approved.

Old Business

Felony Committee – Kevin Gordon

Kevin Gordon reported on the committee proposal/draft. Discussion on Legislative – Background check. Current cert board policy – felony = no certification. Freddy Johnson spoke on previous felony applicant – Ibrahim Mahdi. Freddy Johnson moved that they approve and allow Ibrahim Mahdi to reapply based on 10 years has passed and nothing else has happened for certification. Vernon Massengill 2nd. Discussion. Freddy Johnson withdrew his motion.

5-minute recess.

Brandon Grider’s felony application - discussion

Andy Thomas moved to take the Cert Board policy and deny Brandon Grider’s Application. Tim Henshaw 2nd. Motion Approved.

New Business

Rules Review Commission – Denise Stanford

Presented letter from Tom Felling with the recommendation to leave policy as it currently is. Kevin Gordon moved to readopt 11 NCAC 05B.0301 as is. Scott Mullins seconded. Motion Approved.

Agency Reports

OSFM Report – Brian Wade

Updated new staff

Brian Wade did presentation of 30 year Challenge Coins
30 Year accreditation – for the Fire & Rescue Commission

NCSFA – Ed Brinson – See attachment

Association of Rescue & EMS – Joel Faircloth

Association of Fire Chiefs – Kevin Gordon

Mid-Winter conference 2023 will be held February 1st through February 4th.
License Plate Approved & over 500 applicants
Annual SAFRE Conference – 2 Bylaw Changes passed. Ratified 9-8-2022.

Department of Community Colleges – Kenny Wetherington

Correction on name NC Community College System

Senate Law 22-66 signed by Governor Cooper 7-2022. 15 year old can participate in FF training now in rule making process.

Working on data entry issue with Shawn Haynes/OSFM to fix errors on their system. Numbers are down 2021 – 177 10-10-22 report had 2.

Clean up of non-cert & cert classes status in their system.

Emergency Management – No report

Society of Fire/Rescue Instructors – No report

Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of NC – Scott Mullins

Education & Prevention – Cancer Initiative update

Transportation of gear

Get scans

Dept of Labor – Cory Dunphy

Administration Changes – New Jennifer Hagood

10-1-2022 penalty structure – OSHA serious citations

OEMS – No report – Correction on Name – Simmons is actually Timmons

Forestry – Randy Kearney

50/50 Matching funds grant 0 deadline 10-31-22

Dry weather – active fire season

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Preparing for next fire season
Finishing up Western detail – stopped 10-10-22
State Fair starts 10-13-2022

Dept of Justice – No report

Other Business

Next meeting – January 10,2022 in Kernersville
Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monna Gillespie