

Certification Board Meeting  
Sunday, July 23rd, 2017  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Texas A&M University - Reed Arena  
730 Olsen Blvd  
College Station, TX 77843

I. Call to Order 09:00

II. Roll Call

III. Acceptance of Minutes from June Meeting

Passed voice vote no negatives

IV. Communications

A. Executive Director/Board

Harvey Cheshire, Personally I want to Thank You for what you do on the Certification Board.  
Paul Loeffler, When in the year does Certification Board appointments expire. The Executive Board takes action on Certification Board appointments from the districts on the Friday before Annual School each year. Terms set to expire do so at that meeting.  
Pending discussion with district officers at the expiration of current term I will not seek reappointment after serving 30 some years on the board. I am will to fill in the position until filled, within reason.

B. SFFMA Staff -- Kevin Creamer.

Entering credit for courage to be safe and certificates had problems uploading into the program. Programmers have repaired.  
Test names must be in Austin office two weeks prior to test time, no later. People can sign up for testing on line.  
Workshop power point has been updated.  
Chris immediate upgrade of system.  
Don Pullen diagnosed with cancer, wish he could be here but couldn't.  
Will Rains had knee surgery, and will be stepping down from the board.

C. TEEX Staff

Our house is your house. We have 1531 preregister for annual school, 92% TFS, 3% TIFMAS, 1% Farm Bureau almost all attendees are there on grants.

V. Old Business

A. Review Committees

Committees have been updated as listed below

1. Volunteer Fire Chief – Scott Garris, R.J. Thomas, Ubaldo Perez, and Billy Tidwell

~~2. Testing – Gary Williams, Mike Richardson, and Richard Van Winkle~~

3. NFPA/Skills Updates – Brian Scheffer, Mark Wobus, ~~R. J. Thomas~~, Cary Roccaforte, and Edwin Baker

Brian Scheffer provide NFPA Skills Update, 1001 is being updated.

Skill sheets out to committee members for Instructor I, II, II, and Drive Operator, Fire Officer next.

We have three years to update to new NFPA standards. Same as most publishers, Pro-Board, IFSIC and TCFP. Goal is to finish and have on website in January.

NFPA 1006 update after we have switched to rescue I, II, III, is now going back to awareness, operations and Technician Level. Conversation with TEEX as to what is planned, will be working on a cross walk. apprentice training is still the first prerequisite for any NFPA 1006 training. Drive Operator update is out and has been broken down by type of vehicle, (i.e., Pumping Apparatus DO, Tender Apparatus DO, Aerial Apparatus DO, etc.).

Motion to updating our standard pursuant to a new NFPA standard publication no later than three years after publishing. By Andy Dexter, second by Cary Roccaforte  
Tabled in January motion to be brought back By Clay Deatherage and seconded by RJ Thomas.  
Passed voice vote no negative.

The term "Introductory" is causing some confusion. It is believed that you have to have this to move on. Change to "Prerequisite" for Firefighter I. Committee reviewed provided information from Cary Roccaforte, committee meeting member.

4. TEEX Course Breakdowns – ~~Will Rains~~, Cary Roccaforte, and Brent Allen
5. Continuing Education – Clay Deatherage, Brent Allen, Will Rains, Keith Tate and Glen Trahan
6. Fire Department Audit – ~~Will Rains~~, Clay Deatherage, R.J. Thomas, Tim Gibson and Brad Hargrove  
~~Mick Moffitt~~
7. Skill Examiner Credentials – ~~Will Rains~~, Dennis Gifford and Andy Dexter  
Jeromy Dawson is the new Zone 13 Board Member

#### B. SFFMA Online 3.1 – Status Update

##### VI. Executive Session

Motion by Andy Dexter - formal complaint was taken and discussed, no further action is necessary. Seconded by Paul Loeffler.  
Passed voice vote no negatives, one abstained.

##### VII. Election of Officers

Gary Williams Nominated by Frank Marcinkiewicz second by RJ Thomas  
Clay Deatherage move nomination cease second frank  
Passed voice vote no negatives  
Frank Marcinkiewicz Nominated by RJ Curtis Brown Second  
Move to cease and elect through acclamation Clay Deatherage second Paul Loeffler  
Passed voice vote no negatives  
RJ Thomas Nominated by Frank Marcinkiewicz Second Scott Garris  
Move to cease and elect through acclamation Clay Deatherage second Paul Loeffler  
Passed voice vote no negatives  
Baldy Perez Nominated by RJ  
Nate Mara Nominated by Brian  
Move to cease Clay Deatherage second Scott Garris  
Passed voice vote no negatives to cease nominations  
By a show of hands Nate Mara 13, Baldy Perez 4.

VIII. New Business

A. Master Application Approval (requires Fire Fighting course completion certificates outside of NFPA 1001)

1. Zone 1 – North Hays Co VFD: Robert Lester Love
2. Zone 5 – ~~Linn-San Manuel FD: Pilar Rodriguez~~ Short review approvals
3. Zone 6 – Forest Bend FD: David Lee Pate
4. Zone 7 – Alabama-Coushatta Indian Nation FD: William Clayton Sylestine
5. Zone 8 – Overton FD: Danny Joe Hurt
6. Zone 8 – Pleasant Grove FD: Harry Herbert Simms, Jr.

Motion to approve #1,3,4,5,6 made by Frank second by Cary Roccaforte

Passed voice vote no negatives

B. EMS Instructor

Andy Dexter presented EMS Instructor report. Certification is tied to standards in NFPA. Cross walk is provided. He is seeking board action. Andy Dexter motions for the Board to adopt EMS Instructor Certification as provided, second by RJ Thomas.

Discussion was held.

Passed voice vote no negatives

Next step is to present to TDSHHS.

More development to follow from this committee.

New agenda items must be submitted to [kcreamer@sffma.org](mailto:kcreamer@sffma.org) for inclusion on agenda prior to meeting.

IX. Announcements

Chair reviewed duties of zone coordinator input to date. Chair request input from each member. Importance of the guidance this can give new members was noted.

Clay Deatherage Motioned to use January as deadline for each zone coordinator to turn in description of duties to chair, seconded by William Tidwell

Passed voice vote one no.

A. Next Meeting:

October 2017 – Teleconference?

January 27, 2018 – Sheraton Hotel, Arlington, Texas

B. Other

Board shirts are available through Awards and More on Texas Ave.

X. Adjourn 11:40

Motion to adjourn by Patrick Dooley second by Nate Mara

Passed voice vote no negatives

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	E-Mail	Present
Chairman/Zone 06	Gary Williams	X
Vice Chairman/Zone 03	Frankie Marcinkiewicz	X
Secretary/Zone 04	R. J. Thomas	X
Zone 01	Brian Scheffer	X
Zone 02	Edwin Baker	X
Zone 05	Ubaldo Perez	X
Zone 07	Will Rains	
Zone 08	Patrick Dooley	X
Zone 09	Brad Hargrove	
Zone 10	Nate Mara	X
Zone 11	Clay Deatherage	X
Zone 12	William Tidwell	X
Zone 13	Jeromy Dawson	X
Zone 14	Brent Allen	X
Zone 15	Scott Garris	X
Zone 16	Josh Constancio	
Zone 17	Paul Loeffler	X
Zone 18/EMS Cmte Liaison	Andy Dexter	X
Zone 19	Curtis Brown	X
TEEX Representative	Cary Roccaforte	X
TFS Representative	Steven Carter	
Exec Bd Representative	Mike Richardson	X
Exec Bd Representative	Richard Van Winkle	X
Non-Voting Staff Liaison	Kevin Creamer	X