

**Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019**

Commission Members Present:

Chad Major	Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana
Butch Browning	State Fire Marshal
Michael Donahue	Chancellor's Designee from LSU
Brian Lindberg	Louisiana State Firemen's Association
Martin Latino	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association

Commission Members Absent:

Karen St. Germain	Governor's Appointee
Charlie Metcalf	Louisiana State Firemen's Association
Ken Himel	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association
Louis Romero	Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana

In Attendance:

Loree Ramezan	FETI
Christine Earnheart	FETI
Carey King	FETI
Eddie Pyle	FETI
Ken Fowler	FETI

QUORUM PRESENT

The Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission was called to order by Mr. Chad Major. Invocation was performed by Mr. Latino. Pledge was led By Mr. Browning. Mr. Major called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. The meeting began.

Mr. Major entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held in May 2019. Motion was made by Mr. Latino to adopt the minutes and Mr. Donahue seconded the motion. No discussion was made. No opposition was noted.

MOTION PASSED.

Chief's Report

Mr. Ken Fowler presented the report. He stated that they were able to extend an offer for the full time regional coordinator position and it was accepted. Mr. David New, new regional coordinator, started on the 3rd. He came from the Monroe area and was familiar with their processes. The academy position had been posted and interviews had been conducted. They had extended an offer to Mr. Dustin Kleinpeter. He had been with FETI and the academy for a number of years. Mr. Fowler had asked both of them to come to the next commission meeting so that they could meet the commission members.

Mr. Fowler stated that over the past month or so he had been attending as many of the parish meetings as he could. Everyone he had come in contact with was happy that he was out and making face to face contact and addressing their concerns. The main request was for more updated training. One new class

request was training for responding to fire apparatus accidents. The pilot for that was scheduled for October. The details were being lined out and there was 60-70 people confirmed for class attendance.

Also, Bastrop Fire Dept. had an out-of-service fire engine apparatus and they were working on the paperwork for the donation process. It would definitely save them some money in having to buy something. They would have the chassis to use as a static prop on site and it had a working pump.

He gave an update on the recruit academy. They were in week 6 or 7. So far, there had been no real issues and it was a good academy so far. The new certification test was being given in this class. Everyone had passed it.

They had received an extension to finish up their grant purchases. The specs for the pump at Pine Country had been completed and they were doing some final proofing.

They were on schedule for the Company Officer Leadership training conference in September and the details were coming together.

Mr. Major asked if there were any other questions regarding the chief's report. None were voiced.

This concluded the presentation of the chief's report.

Financial Report

Ms. Ramezan presented the financial report. She stated that the AFG grant was extended to December of this year. One of the items on the grant was the breathing air system. The process to figure out what they needed was a little more involved than had been anticipated which was the reason they had asked for the extension.

They were in the middle of their year-end closeout process at the moment. Their statutory dedicated funds had been deposited into the account. They received \$3.258 which was approximately \$13,000 less than they had received the previous year. Reasons for this decrease were discussed including the out-of-state insurance providers.

Lastly, she stated that the revenue estimated forecast for fiscal year 2020 was set at 3.4 which was the same as last fiscal year. They always budgeted to that because they had to, but internally, they budgeted less because they never did get that amount.

Mr. Major asked if there were any other questions regarding the financial report. None were voiced.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Major presented his report. He updated them on the new PTSD bill. Due to everyone's combined efforts, this piece of legislation was passed this year. He felt that it was one of the best things they had done in a long time.

Last year, there had been some discussion regarding the Independent Bureau and how it would affect the fire service. It was turned into a study resolution in the 2018 regular session. They had met in the interim and had many hours of work in it. It was decided at that time that the bureau would stay with the Department of Health. They had developed many definitions and clean-up language for this issue and a path of where the bureau was going was created. At that time, they were all in agreement. The

bill was introduced at this year's session to adopt all the items they had agreed to unanimously and then a couple of groups began to tinker with the legislation and make changes when session started. Senator Boudreaux in the end tabled the whole matter. So, at this point, it would be business as usual and there would be no effect on the fire service.

At this time, other than promoting the Company Officer Leadership training conference, he did not have any other updates. He asked if there were any other questions. None were voiced.

This concluded the presentation of the chairman's report.

Old Business

Mr. Major asked if there was any old business to present. No old business was addressed.


New Business

Mr. Major asked if there was any new business to present. No new business was addressed.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 17, 10 am at the Fire Marshal's office.

Motion to adjourn was entertained by Mr. Major. Motion was made by Mr. Browning to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Latino seconded the motion. No objections were voiced.

Meeting was adjourned.



Approved by: Chad Major

7-30-19
Date: