

**Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2019**

Commission Members Present:

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

Commission Members Absent:

Karen St. Germain	Governor's Appointee
Charlie Metcalf	Louisiana State Firemen's Association

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. Pledge was performed as well. 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 August 2019. Motion was made by Mr. Romero to adopt the minutes and Mr. Browning seconded the motion. No discussion was made. No opposition was noted.

MOTION PASSED.

Chief's Report

Mr. Fowler presented the report. He stated that he had attended the Northeast Louisiana Firefighter's Association meeting in Delhi. They were looking to conduct a mini school possibly towards the end of the year in that area. They were currently trying to pin down the location. He also had the opportunity to attend the parish meeting in St. Mary parish as well.

He also updated everyone that they had taken delivery on the firetruck that was donated from Bastrop. It was now onsite, and they were working on getting the prop up and running.

He then advised everyone on their plans moving forward with the academy. Their registrations had increased and in 2020, they would have a 14-week program or an optional 12-week program making the driver ops portion of the course optional. The 12-week option would reduce the cost by \$500.

Mr. Fowler reminded everyone that the leadership conference was coming up.

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 reports for July were in the board packet. It was the first month of their fiscal year and they did have some exciting things going on. They had some facility projects going on which included flooring and painting in Building 2 along with other various repairs.

Also, they had been updating their costing information for several classes. One of which was the officer series. The new pricing would be effective in January.

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

This concluded the presentation of the financial report.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Major presented his report. He did not really have any updates. He did inform them that Ms. Earnheart had been working with him on the fire science degrees and IFSAC and whether it was attached to one another. There were some questions that had arisen regarding this topic and he felt it would have to be handled legislatively.

There was a question regarding reciprocity certificates. When an individual came from another state and tried to bring their Firefighter I and IFSAC certification, a reciprocity certificate could be issued, but their specific guidelines that had to be met. In the past, they were able to honor out of state certificates no matter when they were received. Now, the policy stated that the certificate had to be within one standard of the current standard edition issued. The stricter guidelines were making it more difficult on fire fighters and causing issues with supplemental pay if incidents occurred within the waiting period of the reciprocity process. There was some discussion about the wording of the law and if the problem was in the wording of FETI rules. It was mutually felt that IFSAC was IFSAC and it should be honored from state to state. More discussion ensued regarding supplemental pay and reciprocity for out of state fire fighters.

This concluded the presentation of the chairman's report.

Old Business

Mr. Major reminded the board that the leadership conference was next week. There were 104 signed up for the entire conference and another 30 or so signed up for individual days.

This concluded the presentation of old business.

New Business

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

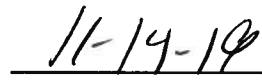
The next meeting was scheduled for September 23, 2019.

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

Meeting was adjourned.



Approved by: Chad Major



Date: