

April 18, 2024

**Life Safety & Property Protection Education Board Meeting Minutes
7919 Independence Blvd. Classroom B, Baton Rouge, LA 70806**

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Erin St. Pierre - Chairman & Deputy Chief, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Daniel Brown – Fire Suppression
Dera DeRoche Jolet- Associate Industry
Steve Elmore-Security
John Harmon- Elevator Industry
John Goodwin - Conveyance Devices
Lee Gillen – Security
Paul Robinson – Gate Systems

Absent Board Members:

Kevin Chauvin - Door Hardware
Richard Booth – Fire Sprinkler
Mace Bourgeois – Fire Extinguishers
Jeffrey Okun – Fire Alarm
Blaine Champagne - Locksmith
Francois Camenzuli – Associate Industry

Visitors:

LaNicka Albert - OSFM
Theresa Powell - OSFM
Ricky Roubique - OSFM
James Scott – APS/LLSSA
Don Law – S & S Sprinkler
Jordan Derousselle – S & S Sprinkler

CALL TO ORDER

Erin St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ricky Roubique.

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AGENDA:

- ❖ **Review/acceptance of minutes from the February 1, 2024 LSPP Education Board meeting.** The Board members reviewed the minutes. Lee Gillen mentioned that his name was omitted from the first page of the minutes under the board members present. A motion was made by Paul Robinson to accept the minutes from February 1, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Elmore. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ **Vote on Qualifier Experience for CCTV Qualifiers.** Steve Elmore requested that this motion be tabled until the next Education Board Meeting. Dera DeRoche-Jolet seconded this request.
- ❖ **Discuss:** As stated in the LSPP Education Board meeting dated 02/01/2024, Marlene explained that in the Education Board meeting dated 11/02/2023, Blaine Champagne brought up the fact that under the CCTV Qualifier requirements, it is not specified which level of NICET is required. At the last meeting, dated 02/01/2024 the education board did not vote on which level would be required for the CCTV Qualifier. The board will have to bring the CCTV Qualifier back up for vote to decide which level of NICET will be required. As earlier mentioned, this topic has been tabled until the next LSPP Education Board meeting. This was given to Dera DeRoche Jolet to conduct further research. After much discussion, a motion was made by Lee Gillen to table this discussion for the next LSPP Education Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Robinson. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ **Vote on Name Change for the follow course:**
 - a) LSU Fire & Emergency Training Institute Portable Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Technician to Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Technician.
- ❖ **Discuss:** A motion was made by Dera DeRoche Jolet to accept the name change from LSU Fire & Emergency Training Institute Portable Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Technician to Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Technician. The motion was seconded by Steve Elmore. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ **Discuss:** Dera DeRoche Jolet brought to the table background checks for fire technicians and outsourcing labor for large projects. She was approached by a gentleman by the name of Conor Wellott while attending a trade show in Las Vegas. He was inquiring about doing business as a fire technician in the State of Louisiana. She brought up the need to have these technician's to have a background check completed before coming into our state. She was advised by Chairman, Deputy Chief Erin St. Pierre that this must brought up in front of the legislature and

must be made into a bill. Also, she was advised that these individuals would have to work for a firm that is licensed with our state in order to be outsourced. What Dera DeRoche Jolet was wanting to accomplish is to have fire technicians across the board to be background. She was advised that would be a bill for next year.

- ❖ **New Business:** The announcement of Chairman & Deputy Chief, Office of State Fire Marshal, Erin St. Pierre stepping away from the responsibility of the Education Board Meetings.
- ❖ Paul Robinson brought up that gates systems should be its own entity and should not fall under the security or the locksmith category. Under the training certification requirements for gates systems, it list two of the options for certification as being any approved security course or any approved locksmith course. Gate systems have nothing to do with either security or locksmith. Ricky Roubique stated that one of the items being considered for security technicians and locksmith technicians is that they have the qualifications to work on gate systems. Ricky Roubique will check on the course requirements. This can be discussed at the next LSPP Education Board meeting.
- ❖ Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dera DeRoche Jolet. The motion was seconded Steve Elmore. All were in favor, none opposed.