

# Certification Board Meeting

Kernersville Fire Department  
Kernersville, NC

Thursday, September 12, 2024

**Members in Attendance:** Chair, Terry Foxx  
Vice Chair, Derrick Clouston  
Brian Taylor, Executive Director  
Josh Crisp  
Jennifer Smith  
Jim Hanline  
Malcom Smith  
Ken Hogue  
Joel Faircloth  
Doug Bissette  
Jason Edwards  
Josh Smith

**Staff in Attendance:** Brian Wade  
Chris Decker  
Michele Thomas  
Paul Ward  
David Morris  
Bruce Hodges  
Kim Williams  
Katherine Burton  
Greg Palmer

**Welcome and Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Chair Terry Foxx at 10:00am.

**Invocation** – Joel Faircloth

**Approval of Agenda** – Derrick Clouston asked to add Delivery Agency moratorium review. Josh Crisp asked to add Instructor 2 hybrid update. Josh Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Derrick seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes** – Terry Foxx made a motion to approve the June 2024 minutes. Seconded by Derick Clouston. Motion approved.

## Elections - Greg Palmer

Nominations for Chair – Joel Faircloth nominated Terry Foxx. Jim Hanline seconded. Doug Bissette moved to close nominations. Chris Wells seconded. Terry Foxx elected to Chair by acclamation.

Nominations for Vice Chair – Ken Hogue nominated Derrick Clouston. Jason Edwards seconded the motion. Joel Faircloth moved to close nominations. Mack Smith seconded. Derrick Clouston elected to Vice Chair by acclamation.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **OSFM – Brian Taylor**

OSFM is still waiting for the Legislature to pass budget. OSFM is operating independently and needs additional funding.

## **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

### **Online Testing Committee – Vice Chair Derrick Clouston**

The online committee continues to gather information. The committee will get together in a few weeks.

## **New Business**

## **Validation Committees – Chair Terry Foxx**

### Ad Hoc Committees

#### NFPA 1010 (Firefighter) Validation Committee

1. Certification Board (Chair) - Jason Edwards [jason.edwards@townofnashvillenc.gov](mailto:jason.edwards@townofnashvillenc.gov) (252)903-6510
2. OSFM Staff – Greg Palmer or Designee
3. School Director – Henry Angelopoulos - [hangelopulos@tricountycc.edu](mailto:hangelopulos@tricountycc.edu) - 706-897-3852
4. At Large Member – Bobby Cash – [Bobby.Cash@charlottenc.gov](mailto:Bobby.Cash@charlottenc.gov) – (704)-308-7365 Cell
5. Eastern Representative – Donald Burns – [Donald.Burns@wilmingtonnc.gov](mailto:Donald.Burns@wilmingtonnc.gov) 910-508-0869
6. Piedmont Representative - Kevin Murphy - [kmurphy1903@gmail.com](mailto:kmurphy1903@gmail.com) - 910-584-1552
7. Western Representative – Ryan Harrell- [rharrell@moorevillenc.gov](mailto:rharrell@moorevillenc.gov) – (828-312-0690)

#### Driver Operator Validation Committee

1. Certification Board (Chair) - Ken Hogue - [captkhogue@gmail.com](mailto:captkhogue@gmail.com) – (704) 634-9935
  2. OSFM Staff – Greg Palmer or Designee
  3. School Director – Jeff Richardson – [jrichardson@ci.charlotte.nc.us](mailto:jrichardson@ci.charlotte.nc.us) – (704) 239-6041
  4. At Large Member – Raymond Murphy - [murphyraymond704@gmail.com](mailto:murphyraymond704@gmail.com) - (704) 728-1329
  5. Eastern Representative – Shane Fields - [Sfields738@gmail.com](mailto:Sfields738@gmail.com) – (919).753.8596
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6. Piedmont Representative – Chris Salter - [csalter@morrisvillenc.gov](mailto:csalter@morrisvillenc.gov) - 919-738-3898
7. Western Representative – Kevin Story - [wildlandfireman@charter.net](mailto:wildlandfireman@charter.net) - 828-217-4974

#### Marine Shipboard Committee

No one applied and Staff says we will not need one due to virtually no changes

#### Airport Firefighter

Only three applied and Staff says we will not need one due to virtually no changes

#### Fire & Life Safety Educator

1. Certification Board (Chair) - Jim Hanline - [hanlinejames@aol.com](mailto:hanlinejames@aol.com) – (704) 617-2208
2. OSFM Staff – Greg Palmer or Designee
3. School Director – No Applicant
4. At Large Member – Robert Swiger - [reswig@gmail.com](mailto:reswig@gmail.com) - (919) 812-2745
5. Eastern Representative –
6. Piedmont Representative –
7. Western Representative – Katie Hinson
8. Carolyn Townsend - [firelifesafety3@gmail.com](mailto:firelifesafety3@gmail.com) – (336)-312-4378
9. Angela Ward - [angelanward40@gmail.com](mailto:angelanward40@gmail.com) - (336)-380-1110
10. Theresa Knops - [THERESAK@CITYOFWSFIRE.ORG](mailto:THERESAK@CITYOFWSFIRE.ORG) – (336)-407-1343
11. Brene Duggins - [busybeebre@gmail.com](mailto:busybeebre@gmail.com) – (919) 621-4651
12. Bob Patterson – [bob.patterson@carync.gov](mailto:bob.patterson@carync.gov) - (919).459.7269

Since we had so few from the other areas put them all on as most of these are Piedmont

#### **Proctor Qualification – Greg Palmer**

Currently the Proctor Qualification is the only qualification we have that does not have testing. OSFM would like to request an update to the course including a written exam. Josh Smith made a motion to have staff update the Proctor Qualification. Mack Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Fraudulent Certification – Greg Palmer**

Kyle Lindsay submitted fraudulent certificates for reciprocity. Staff verified with David Clark, Director of Certification at Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control that certifications were fake.

Mack Smith recused himself. Derrick Clouston made a motion deny reciprocity. Motion seconded by Chris Wells. After discussion Derrick Clouston amended the motion to include Kyle Lindsay is

ineligible to participate in any of the North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission Certification Programs. Chris Wells seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Driver Operator – Greg Palmer**

OSFM would like to drop the skills testing for the Driver Operator Pumps and Aerial qualifications. Greg reviewed the statistics for the passing rate. Doug Bissette made a motion to remove the skills testing for the Driver Operator Pumps and Aerial qualifications. Ken Hogue seconded. Motion passed.

**Delivery Agency Additional Levels Request**

**West Buncombe – Greg Palmer**

West Buncombe is requesting to have TR Structural Collapse, TR Water, Fire Officer 1 and Fire Officer 2 be added to their delivery agency approved programs. Ken Hogue made a motion to add TR Structural Collapse, TR Water, Fire Officer 1 and Fire Officer 2 programs to West Buncombe Delivery Agency. Josh Crisp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Instructor 2 Hybrid – Greg Palmer**

Pitt Community College conducted a Hybrid Instructor 2 Hybrid course. The program met all the requirements and went smoothly. Staff recommends approval. Josh Crisp made a motion to approve Instructor 2 for Hybrid Delivery. Doug Bissette seconded. Motion passed.

**Delivery Agency Moratorium – Vice Chair Derrick Clouston**

Derrick asked that staff review the Delivery Agency Policy. We have had a moratorium in place since December 2020. He asks that staff provide an update at the December Certification Board meeting.

Motion made by Derrick Clouston to move into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 143-318.18(6) at 10:25am. Seconded by Mack Smith. Motion carried.

**Sampson County Live Fire Investigation – Brian Wade and Bruce Hodges**

Joel Faircloth recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Bruce reviewed the investigation.

Dominic Orlando sent an email stating he wouldn't be able to attend and apologized for being derelict in his duties and accepts responsibility for the infractions.

Ken Hogue made a motion to revoke Dominic's Live Fire Qualification. Seconded by Jason Edwards. Motion passed.

### **Robeson County Investigation – Greg Palmer**

Greg presented the findings of the investigation performed by staff.

Robert Daniel Ivey, Jr. has retired and is no longer an employee of Robeson Community College. Stephanie Danielle Burnette is no longer an employee of Robeson Community College. Robert Daniel Ivey is an Instructor Level 1 and isn't qualified to teach nor has he had any proctor training.

The registrar has been relieved of her duties for not catching some of these items in questions.

Robeson Community College has been extremely cooperative.

Steve West has been hired as the new School Director.

Robeson Community College representatives outlined the changes they have implemented.

**See attachments.**

Derrick Clouston made a motion to return to open session. Josh Crisp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Robeson Community College – Ken Hogue made a motion to issue a letter of caution and require that staff must take the Proctor and School Directors courses. Seconded by Jason Edwards. Motion passed.

Robert Daniel Ivey, Jr. – Derrick Clouston made a motion to revoke all certifications, qualifications and he will be ineligible to participate in any certification programs for five years. Recommend to the FRC to enter into a consent agreement. Seconded by Ken Hogue. Motion passed.

Robert Daniel Ivey – Ken Hogue made a motion to revoke all certifications, and he will be ineligible to participate of any certification programs for five years. Recommend to the FRC to enter into a consent agreement. Seconded by Jason Edwards. Jennifer Smith and Doug Bissette opposed. Motion passed.

Staphanie Danielle Burnette - Josh Crisp made a motion deny participation in the Proctor Program. Seconded by Ken Hogue. Motion passed.

Derrick Clouston made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Josh Crisp. Motion passed.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Commission Meeting – October 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Certification Board Meeting – December 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Doug Bissette made a motion to adjourn. Joel Faircloth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Williams