

**Fire Rescue Commission Meeting**  
**Forsyth Tech – Grady P. Swisher Center, Kernersville, NC**

**January 9, 2024**

**Members in Attendance:**    Harley Cook                  Vernon Massengill        Cloyce Anders  
   Freddy Johnson, Sr.      Brent Gordon              Andy Thomas  
   Tim Henshaw              Scott Mullins              Steve Roberson  
   Josh Smith                  Brian Taylor

**Others present:**        Brian Wade, Mike Williams, Paul Ward, David Morris, Chris Davis,  
   Kevin Gordon, Chris Decker, Monna Gillespie, Bradley Dick

**Welcome and Call to Order** – Harley Cook 10:00am

**Invocation** – Harley Cook

**Ethics Statement** – Harley Cook

Josh Smith moved to move the bylaws to after the minutes. Scott Mullins seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approval of agenda – Josh Smith moved to approve the agenda. Cloyce Anders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approval of October 10, 2023 minutes – Josh Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting. Scott Mullins seconded. Motion approved.

**Appointments**

Motion made by Freddy Johnson, Sr. to postpone appointments to the next FRC meeting to have time to review candidates. Seconded by Scott Mullins. Motion approved.

**Rules and Bylaws**

Kevin Gordon gave a presentation on the new draft set. He introduced the new Attorney Ms. Burton. The draft set of rules needs a representative from the Commission, Certification and CFI Board. Harley Cook appointed Cloyce Anders, Terry Foxx and Freddy Johnson.

Discussion on bylaws.

Freddy Johnson moved to approve the January 9, 2024 v2ro version of the bylaws. Josh Smith seconded. Motion Approved.

Nepotism clause – change can not be approved today but had to be presented. It would have be approved at the April meeting. Proposed changes on page 10, 15, 22, and 23 all is the same wording except for page 23 which is slightly different. Discussion.

Josh Smith made a motion for the nepotism to be placed on the April agenda for approval. Tim Henshaw seconded. Motion approved.

Discussion.

## **Appointments**

### CFI Board:

Freddy Johnson moved to reappoint Matt Davis. Josh Smith Seconded. Motion approved.

### Cert Board:

Collazo position – Tim Henshaw moved to appoint Christopher Wells. Vernon Massengill seconded. Motion approved.

Smith position – Scott Mullins moved to reappoint Josh Smith. Freddy Johnson seconded. Motion approved.

Bullins position – Josh Smith moved to appoint Joshua Crisp. Freddy Johnson seconded. Motion approved.

Steve Roberson moved to appoint Jennifer Smith to the Cert. Board (this was tabled at the previous meeting). Seconded. Motion approved.

## **Board Reports**

**Certification Board** – Terry Foxx

**Volunteer Safety Worker’s Compensation Board** – Cloyce Anders.

**Certified Fire Investigator Board** – Freddy Johnson, Sr., Chairman. 2023 totals 45 applicants- Approved -35 Denied – 15. Update on the recertification process – policy change Page 1, Section D. A person who doesn’t complete the recertification process in the 5-year time frame must complete a new CFI application. Freddy Johnson moved to approve the policy change as presented. Robert Thomas seconded. Motion approved.

## **Agency Reports**

**NC Department of Insurance** – Brian Taylor. Update on the status of OSFM. Thanks given to the Firefighters and all the agencies supports. Commissioner sent 3 nominations to the legislators but no taken. Discussion on Chief's position, Chief Taylor's position on the boards and appeals.

**NC State Firefighters' Association** – Tim Bradley. Gave verbal support to Brian Taylor and OSFM. Report attached.

**NC Association of Rescue and EMS, Inc.** – Joel Faircloth. Scholarship went online March 31, 2024. Next meeting April 2024 @ Greensboro.

**NC Association of Chiefs** – Wesley Hutchins. Mid-Winter Conference was held January 29-February 2, 2024 in Concord. Trade show sold out. Fire Prevention School – March 18-23, 2024. Filled with 2 days. Recruitment and retention grant workshops. NC License plates update.

**NC Community Colleges System** – Not in attendance.

**NC Division of Emergency Management** – Not in attendance.

**NC Society of Fire/Rescue Instructors** – Ben Hess. They will be at Mid-Winter Chief Conference.

**Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of NC** – Scott Mullins. Working to promote cancer screenings. Working on Honor Act, which would make occupational cancer deaths covered by PSOB.

**NC Department of Labor** – Cory Dunphy. Heat Stress up for public review possibly 2025. Federal OSHA Has 2 proposed revisions 1. Fire extinguisher and 2. Fire Brigade Standards

Discussion. Brian Taylor offered to facilitate a meeting with the Department of Labor with interested parties.

**NC Office of Emergency Medical Services** – Not in attendance.

**NC Division of Forestry** – Not in attendance.

**NC Department of Justice** – Teresa Posetell – nothing to report.

## **Other Business**

Freddy Johnson moved to move into Closed Session, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 143-318.11(A)(3), following a recess. Josh Smith seconded. Motion approved.

### **Closed Session**

Entered Closed Session for discussion of an instructor investigations.

Tim Henshaw moved to return to Open Session. Josh Smith seconded. Motion Approved.

### **Open Session**

Robert Thomas moved to uphold recommendation of Certification Board with the exception in the case of Ben Hess – changed the word permanently to temporarily pending the completion of the requalification requirements for both people. Timothy Henshaw seconded. Motion Approved.

Tim Henshaw moved to adjourn. Josh Smith seconded. Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Monna Gillespie