

November 2, 2023

**Life Safety & Property Protection Education Board Meeting Minutes
8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806**

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Erin St. Pierre - Chairman & Deputy Chief, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Richard Booth - Fire Sprinkler
Mace Bourgeois - Fire Extinguishers
Daniel Brown – Fire Suppression
Francois Camenzuli - Associate Industry
Blaine Champagne – Locksmith
Dera DeRoche Jolet- Associate Industry
Steve Elmore-Security
John Harmon- Elevator Industry
Jeffrey Okun - Fire Alarm
Paul Robinson- Gate Systems

Absent Board Members:

Kevin Chauvin - Door Hardware
Lee Gillen-Security
John Goodwin-Conveyance Devices

Visitors:

Marlene Aucoin-OSFM
Kathy Brown -Wesev
Ricky Roubique – OSFM
Rene Marques-EMR Services

CALL TO ORDER

Erin St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ricky Roubique.

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AGENDA:

- ❖ **Review/acceptance of minutes from the July 20, 2023 LSPP Education Board meeting.**
The Board members reviewed the minutes. A motion was made by Richard Booth to accept the minutes from July 20, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Okun. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously

- ❖ **Discuss work experience for Life Safety and Property Protection firm qualifiers, the**
Chairman Erin St. Pierre began by reviewing the requirements from the Life Safety & Property Protection Education Board Training and Education Requirements Certification and Continuing Education Guidelines. She began with the
 1. **Fire Sprinkler** endorsement, Richard Booth spoke of the of the Sprinkler qualifier being required to have a NICET 3 certification (this required 5 years of experience to be presented to NICET). The Fire Sprinkler industry would like to say five years of experience in the Fire Sprinkler industry and within two (2) years of licensure to become a qualifier. If the individual has a gap in licensure the they would need start their experience again. An attestation would be required from the technician to present to the Office of the State Fire Marshal at the time of licensure that a These are the suggestions made for the qualifier experience for Fire Sprinkler.
 2. **Fire Alarm** endorsement, it was discussed that CFAD and NICET 3 had experience embedded into the certification. Jeff Okun stated that you need to indebt knowledge of the CFAD to gain that certification when he reviewed that course and the NICET 3 course. The Board would like five (5) years of experience across the board for each endorsement. Erin questioned the Board if they are ok to Grandfather existing qualifiers and not have them meet the new requirements.
 3. **Fire Alarm (Non-Required)** endorsement, Jeff Okun and the Board would like to see the requirements for experience for a qualifier be two (2) years of experience for the Professional Engineer with an Electrical or Fire Protection Endorsement and

any qualifier holding the MyCEUs.com Security Level II Advanced Security Specialist & Electronics Technician (ASSET) course. The qualifiers would submit a verification from an employer in the form of an attestation. The two years needs to be spelled out for Fire Alarm (Non-Required) 3. & 4.

4. **Fire Alarm (Owner)** endorsement, the Board thinks that the qualifier for Fire Alarm (Owner) should have two (2) years field experience.
 5. **CCTV** endorsement, Steve Elmore believes that the qualifier should have at least three (3) years of experience along with the certifications.
 6. **Security** endorsement, Steve Elmore and Dera Jolet suggested that the qualifier have three (3)years of experience.
- ❖ **Discuss:** Erin St. Pierre explained the office has met with state police about the technician's background and the changes that will happen. Kathy Brown invited everyone to the LLSSA Convention being held on November 15 & 16, 2023.
- ❖ **New Business:** No new business
- ❖ Motion was made Richard Booth 12:29p.m. The motion was seconded Mace Bourgeois. All were in favor, none apposed.