

**Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2019**

Commission Members Present:

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

Commission Members Absent:

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| Karen St. Germain | Governor's Appointee |
| Charlie Metcalf | Louisiana State Firemen's Association |
| Butch Browning | State Fire Marshal |

In Attendance:

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| 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 by Mr. Himel. Pledge was led By Mr. Lindberg. 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 March 2019. Motion was made by Mr. Ken Himel to adopt the minutes and Mr. Brian Lindberg seconded the motion. No discussion was made. No opposition was noted.

MOTION PASSED.

Chief's Report

Mr. Fowler, new chief of municipal training, presented the director's report. He stated that interviews had been conducted for the position for the regional coordinator and an offer would be extended and if accepted they would be moving forward with the hiring process. The academy manager's position had been updated and it had been posted. They were hoping to do interviews very soon. The academy itself was getting ready to start. Monday would be the first full day for the new recruit class.

He updated the commission on his recent progress. He had recently attended the firefighter's association meeting in the Winnsboro area and was able to meet new individuals and discuss concerns and needs they had in regards to training. He informed them about a weekend class that they would be conducting. He was going to be returning to that region next week to discuss various regional requests

that had been made to see what they could get accomplished, one being getting the Firefighter One up and running in Richland parish. He was also planning to meet with the staff with Applied Research Institute while he was over in that direction. This company was given grant funding through the government to develop classes and were interested in developing several different classes, creating core curriculum, and then giving it to FETI. The curriculum creation would be covered through this company and would not cost FETI anything. He did feel that it was worth some conversation with them.

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 it was currently business as usual. They were approaching fiscal year end which was June 30. The fund balance as of today was \$0. The department insurance had not deposited any money into the fund treasury. It was usually deposited at the end of May or early June. The plant fund did increase slightly. They had sold a piece of surplus equipment which netted around \$6,000.

Certification Report

This report was not addressed.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Major presented his report. He stated that since the last meeting there were really no updates to give. He did share that they were working on something to be able to move some money that would provide some funds for USAR.

He also updated them on the new PTSD bill. It would be moving to the senate and then over to the house starting this Monday. They did have until June 6 to get everything through and passed.

There was some discussion regarding some legislation that was coming up that would require out of state insurance providers to contribute to the 2% and fire marshal funds. Currently, they were not, but the in-state providers were which was viewed as unfair. The legislation was definitely supported. The state supplemental pay bill which would give an increase to the state employees supplemental pay was also being moved.

This concluded the presentation of the chairman's report.

Old Business

Mr. Major asked if there was any old business to discuss. Ms. Ramezan stated that at the previous meeting there had been a question about when the recruit academy tuition increase had taken place. After reviewing past meeting notes, she found that in January 2016 it had been decided to raise the tuition to \$4,500 maximum with fire department sponsor and only to be raised to \$5,000 if needed. There had been no discussion on that topic at that time. If there was no fire department sponsor, then the tuition cost was \$7,000. This was the current fee and there were no intentions to raise it at present.

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 June 12.

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

Meeting was adjourned.



Approved by: Chad Major

6-12-19

Date: