

**Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission Special Meeting
December Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2020**

Commission Members Present:

Chad Major	Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana
William Parker	Louisiana State Firemen's Association
Matt Lee	Chancellor's Designee from LSU
Butch Browning	State Fire Marshal
Brian Lindberg	Louisiana State Firemen's Association
Karen St. Germain	Governor's Appointee
Ken Himel	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association

Commission Members Absent:

Martin Latino	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association
Louis Romero	Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana

The special meeting was held over zoom. Below is the word for word transcription of the meeting:

Loree Ramezan: Think if you ready you can go ahead and start.

Chad Major: Okay, you want to call roll of what you have just to do it because I know it's being recorded so that way it's public record.

Loree Ramezan: Guess I'll go ahead and mark for the record that Ken Himel is present; Matt Lee is present; Butch Browning is present; William Parker is present, Brian Lindbergh is present, Karen, St. Germain is present; Chad major is present. Marty Latino is absent and Lewis Romero is absent.

Chad Major: Okay, so that would give us a quorum.

Loree Ramezan: Yes, sir.

Chad Major: Thank you.

Chad Major: Sir, good morning everybody and Thank you all for being on the call. I thought it was important [with the new legislation] they would maybe go cart before the horse or whatever. But with the new appointments from the act that was done in the legislature.

Chad Major: Finally, being considered that we needed to vet that I guess. Make it official and do it the right way and that will put us in line to go ahead and schedule our meeting for the first of the year with a new year.

Chad Major: I apologize for missing the last meeting. But, uh, but let's put us on track and everybody can get it scheduled and we can get the new members new members seated and then get the business of the LSU FETI moving forward or whatever supposed to come before us, so I know that there are, I think there are two people and Lori, correct me if I'm wrong. There are two. There are two names submitted for the Industrial position and I think there's only one for the, the other position. Is that correct?

Loree Ramezan: Yes, that's correct.

Chad Major: Okay, so I guess. Well, let's start with the other position. What is the exact background on that position. I'm trying to remember. I guess the name of the position or the affiliation.

Loree Ramezan: I'm looking for the legislation. I believe, one of them is someone who has industrial experience and the other one was someone who has at least 10 years active fire service experience. So those were the two positions.

Chad Major: OK, so the 10 years that the fire service experience that name that was that's been adopted by the government. And I guess that was Bryan Adams. Basically, that was the only name that I know of that was submitted. So we would need to memorialize that from the Commission to put it into proper posture.

Karen St. Germain: Motion. Motion to put Bryan Adams, as in that position.

Chad Major: A motion. Is there a second? One second. So now we can have discussion on the fire service position.

Karen St. Germain: Well, I think we all know that he's been in fire service for a very long time and also in the legislature. So it helps us . . . Really helps us a lot and I have nothing else to say. I think we all kind of know him.

Chad Major: True.

Butch Browning: Maybe, maybe too well. So I'll call for the question.

Karen St. Germain: Notice I was brief.

Chad Major: Anyone else wish to speak.

Matt Lee: So yeah, this is Matt, I don't know the kid. I don't know the candidate. But those of you who are in this space if you testify, of course, to his qualifications for the position I'm fine with it.

Chad Major: I think Brian has 30 plus years in the fire service, man. I didn't know him through the fire service so much as I did when he was elected to the House. The relationship he had along with a couple others, of course representative St. Germain, but you know he's all about the fire service. Administrative background in the fire service as well. So he's got both

Matt Lee: Great, thanks.

Chad Major: Any other discussion. All those in Favor of Service signify by saying aye.

Brian Lindberg: Aye. Any opposed?

Chad Major: The motion carries.

Chad Major: All right, for the industrial position there were there were two names, I believe. If you would, I don't know if everybody has just read the background and stuff already or the resume, per se. I know they're not too, too long if the wishes of the Commission is to read them out. Personally, so I can't speak on their behalf. But just to read the information I think maybe advantageous.

Loree Ramezan: Chad, I can read the information for Mr. Ed Traylor. We received his resume. He is currently an employee with Exxon Mobil and I believe he is their fire chief. He submitted this information to be considered. He not only just the work for Exxon, which is a client of ours. He is also the chairman of BRAMAS. He has been with Exxon since 1990 so he has significant experience. I do not know the other gentleman whose name was submitted. I'm not sure who that is.

Karen St. Germain: His name is Brandon, but I don't have his resume in front of me.

William Parker: I do, Chad. If you want me to read on it a little bit.

Chad Major: Sure. Sure can. Please.

William Parker: Well, it was Willie not Ken, but I'll go ahead. He actually has experienced on both the municipal and industrial side. He's a volunteer firefighter for Marrero Harvey, been so for about 17 years. He's went through all through their ranks, all the way up to currently holding assistant chief position for the last five years. He's also their president for the last seven years and his industrial experiences. He's been with Phillips 66 the last seven years. He started as an emergency response specialist and moved up to their emergency response and security team leader.

Chad Major: Thank you.

William Parker: Not a problem. Think that's the only two we got. I mean I'll go ahead and make a motion that we move forward with Brandon Davis, just because he also offers municipal experience to the table as well.

Chad Major: Okay.

Karen t. Germain: I'll second.

Chad Major: So it's open for discussion. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of somebody Brandon as . . . I didn't get the last name. I'm sorry.

William Parker: Davis.

Chad Major: Davis, as the industrial representative on commission signify by saying aye.

Brian Lindberg: Aye.

Karen St. Germain: Aye.

Chad Major: Opposed to? Hearing, it stands adopted. So only those are the two names again, it was kind of backwards but I think it's already been approved by the governor's office and we fell in love with it. We may have had to change it but we didn't, but anyway. So we have to make notification to the Governor's office. I guess just to memorialize it, but also to the two gentlemen. In addition, this is really to discuss a special meeting, but [let's] go ahead since most of us on the phone, pick a date in January. I know we try to usually do it around the equipment show. I don't know the exact dates on that show so if you want to chime in on that.

Loree Ramezan: No problem. Unfortunately, due to covid we had to cancel the equipment show. The show will not be taking place. The only dates that I believe are unavailable for us is January 22nd. Otherwise, we should be able to make any date work.

Chad Major: Okay so members yard that any day but January 22. So anytime during the week of the 18th?

Karen St. Germain: That's fine with me.

Butch Browning: Good with me.

Chad Major: I think the 18th is a State holiday, Martin Luther King,

Butch Browning: Yeah, that is

Chad Major: So the 18th and the 22nd would be out or we can do the week following.

Karen St. Germain: I'm pretty open so

William Parker: Y'all good. The 19th or the 21st.

Butch Browning: On the 21st, I will be up in Webster parish. Y'all think this is gonna be a zoom meeting? Still most probably

Karen St. Germain: I think this works better.

Butch Browning: I don't know. I don't know. By January that we're gonna have any change in what we're doing.

Chad Major: I don't, I don't think so. I mean, I agree with you. I want to try to do , I heard no one said the 19th didn't work, I want to try to do that. Let's try to do the 19th at 10am zoom.

Butch Browning: That's good for me.

Matt Lee: That's fine.

William Parker: Me too.

Chad Major: Something changes we can get it out so for now we'll go with the 19th.

Karen St. Germain: Sounds like a plan.

Butch Browning: To kind of get a fresh start with new board members. I mean, it'd be good if we could get before that meeting, you know, an org chart showing all the managers and directors and those folks, so we know who those people are and whatever significant information that that it can provide. I'm not sure who's in charge that we should ask that phone with as Loree or whoever, but I just think it'd be helpful, especially because we haven't really gone through that in a long time. And with two new members, that would just be a good, fresh start for everybody.

Chad Major: Right, that makes good sense to do that just to kind of get them acclimated. I guess you would say, Loree. Is that something we can provide them with?

Loree Ramezan: I will look into that and see if I can provide that for the next meeting.

Karen St. Germain: Okay, so just a synopsis of what we do and how we do it, and maybe whatever the new legislation provides.

Chad Major: Sure. Basically, what they're walking into and this is what your basically your responsibilities are and responsibilities of the Commission and, and I think they probably both understand what it does, I mean petty itself so much. Yeah, something like this, a breakdown and just an overview of everything.

Brian Lindberg: Loree, It's Brian.

Loree Ramezan: Yes.

Brian Lindberg: All right. Quick question. I've been out for a little bit and I was on vacation and I'm recovering from covid so I have a quick question for you. I think I saw your post about a hazmat opening for a week.

Loree Ramezan: Yes, that just posted, I believe, last week. So we haven't, I haven't had an opportunity to send that link yet to Chad, but I will be sending that.

Brian Lindberg: Okay, thank you.

Chad Major: Okay, if there's nothing else to come before the convention I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Butch Browning: I'll make a motion that we adjourn and wish everybody a very Merry Christmas, and I appreciate your hard work and look forward to when I can actually see y'all.

Karen St. Germain: I second that motion with the wish of a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and be safe.

Matt Lee: Merry Christmas.

Brian Lindberg: Merry Christmas, everyone.

Chad Major: Merry Christmas, everyone.

Approved by: Chad Major

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