



Fire School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Quarterly Meeting: November 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Fire Academy, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203 and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

The meeting was held in person in the SC Fire Academy conference room. Board members also utilized video and teleconferencing.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was posted and advertised pursuant to South Carolina laws, rules, and regulations. The meeting was called to order at 9:58 a.m. by Chair Terry Sheriff.

Roll call of members:

SC Fire School Advisory Board															
Terry Sheriff	X	Mark Davis	X	Jody Suttles	Z	Douglas Cline	A	Brad Stio	A	Brian Lovin	Z	Joel Rogers	Z	Tommy McDowell	Z
Michael Dozier	A	Harold Nichols	Z	Justin McLellan	X	Thomas Tardo	Z	Joshua Jordan	Z	Peter Dontje	Z				

P: Via Phone X: Present A: Absent Z: Via Zoom

VISITORS PRESENT: Rick Dunn, George Stapleton, Bonita Watters, Andrela Riley, Erick Adams, Amy Williamson, Alexander Kimball and Sherri Bush.

- A. After roll call, a quorum was established.
- B. Superintendent Pope led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
- C. Justin McClellan made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark Davis seconded. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mark Davis made a motion to approve the August 14, 2024, minutes. Harold Nichols seconded. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

III. Committee Chair Comments

Justin McLellan's remarks on behalf of Committee Chair Terry Sherriff

- Thanked State Fire team members for the response efforts during the storm. Relayed compliments about State Fire from attendees at a recent conference.

IV. State Fire Marshal's Remarks

Financial Update

Chief Jonathan Jones:

- Discussed the budget

CPIP Project Updates

George Stapleton:

- Discussed the ongoing CPIP projects

Grants Update

George Stapleton shared the following update:

- Discussed the AFG grants.

Superintendent's Remarks

Chief Jason Pope stated:

- Discussed new liability waivers procedures.
- Discussed burn building update.
- Discussed the implementation of Chrome books and E-Books for the onsite March, 2025 recruit school.

Employee Updates

- Discussed vacancies and new hires.

V. SCFA Section Reports**Facilities**

Superintendent Pope discussed Greg Bass' resignation and the ongoing facility projects.

Curriculum & Production

Bonita Watters discussed Haz-Mat Technician now being an IFSAC course. Also offered employment updates and ongoing projects in curriculum.

Training

Regional Manager Erick Adams on behalf of Chief Terrell Brown, introduced new hire Alex Kimball and gave additional employment updates and training section updates.

EMS

Superintendent Pope on behalf of Richard Naugler:

Chief Pope provided discussed offering EMT as a part of the onsite Recruit School starting in March 2025.

Accreditation

Andrela Riley, provided an accreditation update.

Administration

Sherri Bush discussed ongoing dorm reservation project with Amy Williamson and DOTS.

Marketing

Amy Williamson provided Marketing and Special Projects updates.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- None

IX. Announcements

- The Fire Service Improvement Conference is Jan. 23, 2025 at the Fire Academy.
- The Fire Rescue Conference is June 11-14, 2025 in Myrtle Beach.
- The FFA Memorial is at Riverland Hills Church in Columbia SC on Feb. 15, 2025.

X. Adjournment

Harold Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Josh Jordan seconded. Motion passed unanimously without discussion. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12, 2025, in the SC Fire Academy Conference Room or via teleconference.

Disclaimer: The attached minutes are DRAFT minutes. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, statements and decisions recorded in them, their status will remain that of a draft until such time as they are confirmed as a correct record at the subsequent meeting.