



**FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE
STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2015
~FINAL~**

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 134, Columbus, Ohio.

Committee Members Present: James Davis, Daryl McNutt, Mark Resanovich and Dudley Wright II

Committee Members Absent: Deanna Harris

EMS Staff Present: Jean Booze, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Ellen Owens, and John Sands.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Guest and Public Present: ~None

Mr. Resanovich called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. Resanovich	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present		

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPEN FORUM ~ None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to approve the consent agenda including the August 19, 2015 Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee meeting minutes, the certifications, accreditations, and CE site requests for period August 18, 2015 through October 20, 2015.

ACTION: *Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items including the August 19, 2015 meeting minutes, the certifications, accreditations, and CE site requests for period August 18, 2015 through October 20, 2015.* Mr. McNutt– First. Mr. Wright – Second. None – Abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

FIRE CERTIFICATIONS & EXEMPTION REQUESTS (Military & Medical), Jean Booze

Certification, Jean Booze

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemptions. There are two medical exemptions; #2015-10-01 and #2015-10-2. Both submitted medical documentation and staff recommends approval. Ms. Booze requested a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve medical exemption requests for #2015-10-01 and #2015-10-02.

Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the military exemption #2015-10-04. Although he is still in the Reserves he was released from active duty on December 2013. His certification will expire this year. He received a military exemption from his previous certification cycle in 2012 while he was on active duty.

ACTION: Motion to deny request for a military exemption for #2015-10-04.

Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Davis – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Firefighter Committee Report, Doug Orahood

Mr. Orahood stated that the Division of EMS will host the Programs Director In-service training conference. Currently there are 102 registered participants; 58 out of the 65 Charter Program Directors will attend along with instructors, proctors and administrative staff.

A meeting has been scheduled in Ashland to work on the Firefighter Safety Inspector Workshop.

The Ohio Fire Award program ceremony was very well received and attended.

Mr. Sands, Mr. Swords and Mr. Orahood attended the Ohio Fire EMS Expo and spoke to the secondary high school programs instructors. Recently EMS staff met with the Ohio Department of Education in regards to the high school secondary firefighter training and EMS programs.

The Pro Board Delegation scheduled for November 12, 2015 had to be cancelled due to a conflict and will be rescheduled.

Dan Swords and Linda Mirarchi will attend the Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructor Symposium at the Ohio Fire Academy on October 30th and 31st.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION IN THE MATTER OF FIRE CASE(S)

Mr. Resanovich began the deliberation and noted that Executive Director Melvin House was also present. The Committee will be deliberating on one *Report and Recommendation* (R & R) in the matter of:

- In the matter of Fire Case Number 2015-107-F100, Jeremy D. Edmondson, Fire Certificate Number 165721

The report and recommendation, hearing transcript and exhibits were previously provided to each of you. Mr. Resanovich recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

AAG Barrera presented Fire Case Number 2015-107-F100, Jeremy D. Edmondson. This case was discussed earlier during the EMFTS Board meeting. Mr. Edmondson was convicted of three different misdemeanors and they are using a weapon while intoxicated (first degree misdemeanor), obstructing official business (second degree misdemeanor) and discharging a firearm within city limits (third degree misdemeanor). These events occurred in July 2009 when Mr. Edmondson was 22 years old. In the EMS case there was an issue of misrepresentation; however, Mr. Edmondson disclosed these convictions on his fire application. The recommendation of the hearing officer is to grant his initial volunteer firefighter application.

AAG Barrera provided a written statement from Mr. Edmondson that was read into record. Mr. Edmondson's statement reads as follows:

"I apologize for not being able to attend today's meeting in person. I work full-time as a nurse, and my absence from work today would have adversely affected patient care and put an undo strain on my co-workers. I have been a direct-care provider as both an STNA and a nurse for over six years. In addition, I have been an active volunteer member of the Loudonville Fire Department for the past two years, having joined as a way to give back to the community and use my existing medical knowledge to further help others. I have been involved in community events and responded to emergency calls without issue or incident during this time. By granting my certifications, the Board will allow me to better serve my community and my department. It will greatly benefit the citizens of Loudonville to have an additional EMT and fire fighter to respond to emergency calls. It will also reduce our departments' reliance on mutual aid from other departments. I have read and agree with the hearing examiners report and recommendation. Although I have made some mistakes in the past, I do not believe they affect my ability to serve my community at present or in the future. I ask the Board today to accept the hearing review examiners report and recommendation and approve my certifications."

Mr. Resanovich requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the matter pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Committee will reconvene following deliberations.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. None – abstained. Motion approved.

ROLL CALL

Mr. James Davis	Present	Mr. Resanovich	Present
Ms. Deanna Harris	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 2:41 p.m

ACTION: *In the matter of Fire Case #2015-107-F100, Jeremy D. Edmondson, Fire Applicant Number 165721, the Committee recommends the Executive Director confirm and approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to issue Mr. Edmondson his firefighter certificate.* Mr. McNutt – First. Mr. Wright– Second. None Opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS, STAFF

ACTION: *Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) or pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43(A)(2) or 4765.102(B).* Mr. Wright – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. None – abstained. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Mr. James Davis..... Present	Mr. Mark ResanovichPresent
Ms. Deanna Harris..... Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright IIPresent
Mr. Daryl McNutt..... Present	

The Board returned from private session at 3:06 p.m.

ACTION: *In the matter of Fire Case 2014-403-BF100, recommend to the Executive Director to rescind the previously issued Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and re-issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Grant permission to negotiate a consent agreement.* Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *In the matter of Fire Case 2014-511-BF100, recommend to the Executive Director to rescind the previously issued notice of opportunity for hearing and close case.* Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to accept the following proposed Consent Agreements.* Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

2015-315-F300
 2015-367-F100 *Issue NOH with permission to negotiate a Consent Agreement
 2015-512-F300 *Non-disciplinary

ACTION: *Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases.* Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

2012-118-F100	2014-622-F300*Accept surrender/rescind NOH	2015-253-F100
2012-648-F300	2015-168-BF100	2015-341-F100
2013-699-BF300	2015-181-F100	*Accept surrender
2014-121-BF100	2015-240-F100*Application incomplete	2015-378-F100
2014-546-F300	2015-246-F300 Accept surrender/rescind NOH	2015-504-F100

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases. The following individuals were audited at their respective levels. They have opted to surrender their certificate to practice or certificate to teach. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

2015-75-F500 *Rescind NOH	2015-408-F300
2015-268-F300	2015-429-F300
2015-270-F300	2015-466-F300
2015-271-F300	2015-468-F300
2015-397-F300	2015-469-F300
2015-399-F300	2015-470-F300
2015-407-F300	2015-474-F300

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases; individuals have met stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

2015-261-F500
 2014-447-BF100

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

2014-382-BF100	2015-188-F300	2015-348-F300
2014-612-BF100	2015-233-F100	2015-398-F300
2015-162-F300	2015-275-F300	

ACTION: In the matter of Fire Case 2015-233-F100, grant permission to negotiate a consent agreement. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to close the following cases. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. Motion approved.

2015-300-F100	2014-441-BF100	2015-505-BF100
2015-350-F300	2015-444-BF100	2015-518-BF100
2015-416-BF100	2015-493-BF100	2015-547-BF100
2015-439-BF100	2015-495-BF100	2015-550-F100
2015-440-F100	2015-498-BF100	2012-582-F500

Old Business

Executive Director House stated that Jim Davis inquired at the August Board meeting whether the charter’s policies have something in place regarding extreme weather. Dan Swords reported that there are only a couple of charter’s who have a policy. Mr. Swords suggested the committee determine the criteria to put into rule. A discussion ensued regarding the policies in the area of sports in extreme heat or cold. Mr. Davis suggested the Fire Fighter & Fire Safety Inspector Subcommittee examine the issue further.

New Business ~ None

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Mr. McNutt – First Mr. Davis - Second

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.