

# COMMISSION BUISNESS MEETING AGENDA

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

11:00am EDT

The Park Vista by Double Tree

705 Cherokee Orchard Road

Gatlinburg, TN 37388

## I. PRAYER

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## III. ROLL CALL – A quorum of the commission was in attendance.

## IV. MINUTES

- a. Approval of the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes
  - Suggested changes were made and approved, will be updated.

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VI. GUESTS

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. West/ Richard Guardino
- b. TFACA/ Jason Sparks
  - TFACA REPORT – Things are going well, graduated a big class, 2 failed FFI one passed FFII – Trained 2800+ Volunteers for Free
  - Good Pass Rate; Online testing is going well – preferred over the written test.
  - Motion by Scott to accept Jan 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
    - Second by Solomon
    - Approved

## VIII. Legal Report/ Marabeth Nicely/Leigh Ferguson

- a. Individuals 1 & 2 will get the opportunity to re-test.
  - Commissioner Solomon recused from voting on the following motions of individual 1 & 2.
  - Individual 1: Motion to restart with hazmat test 1, then restart the testing process.
    - No seconds; Motion fails.

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- Individual 1: Motion to restart at testing level.
  - Second from Biggs, Green, Scott.
  - 4:2 – Approved
- Individual 2: Motion by Green to reverse January decision
  - Second from Biggs, Green, Scott.
  - 4:2 – Approved
- Individual 2: Motion to restart with hazmat test 1, then restart the testing process.
  - Second by Green, Biggs, Scott
  - Approved

b. Individuals 3 & 4 will get a 2-year offer.

- Individual 3: Motion to reverse January decision to have formal hearing.
  - Second by Solomon, Biggs, Green, Scott
  - Approved
- Individual 3: Motion for a two year suspension of all commission testing events.
  - Second by Henry, Scott
  - Approved
- Individual 4: Motion to reverse January decision to have formal hearing.
  - Second by Solomon, Biggs, Green, Scott
  - Approved
- Individual 4: Motion for a two-year suspension of all commission testing and EIP programs.
  - Second by Henry, Scott
  - 5:2 - Approved

## IX. Assistant Commissioners Report/Marybeth Gribble

## X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### a. Agency Connect

- Agency connect, Vector solutions, will be put into Acadis
- This is in Beta testing.
- This will be working for Departments in the fall of 2024.
- Working with 2 departments for Beta Testing (One is Atoka)
- No hiccups up to this point.
- Target Solutions bought ACADIS.

### b. Staff changes

- Made offers on Middle/East coordinators, going to interview for accreditation coordinator and an ASA 2

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c. EIP/VEIP changes.

- In the middle of EIP and VEIP.
- A lot of people are waiting on their \$ for EIP/VEIP – Auditing/training
- Career has been sent, next is combos.

d. Acadis Testing

- ACADIS Online Testing is moving forward – conducting about six (6) computer-based tests– moving along at TFACA, waiting for testing to be at 100 percent and then will test everything at TFACA on computer.
- Then rolling out some other testing through the region for Phase Two (2) and then some regional areas for computer-based testing throughout the state.
- Phase Three (3) will be purchasing computers for proctors and coordinators and will eventually be 100 percent throughout the state.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Rope Tech issue will be resolved in the new rule for Rescue Squads

b. Reciprocity Proposed Change. (Scott Hughes WCFR)

- Proposed change officers coming in from out of state – now they are IFSAC or PROBoard states, but they didn't used to be.
- There are retired firefighters coming in without the IFSAC/PROBOARD certifications and can't get reciprocity.
- The subcommittee may look at how this could go into a future rule change.
- State Residency or Affiliated Fire Department – California has a mechanism for upgrading your certification, call your issuing agency, ask if they can retrospectively make it IFSAC/ProBoard

c. Testing Limits/Director

- Should we limit how many times someone can take a test?
- IFSAC or PROBOARD req's this - What is the limit?
- About 4 versions right now – soon there will be more with ACADIS
- Need a rule/policy for this
- Need to look into where they took the course and what is percentage of retest.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

a. TFACA Classes/ Jason Sparks TFACA

- 1<sup>st</sup> class and TFACA and it was a good class.
- Great feedback – FFC approved the new class.



b. Vector Solutions course (School Fire and Life Safety Inspection, Effective Fire Inspections at Places of Assembly)

- **Vector Courses Approval: Motion by Scott to accept them as a batch.**
  - Second by Solomon
  - Approved

c. High School Fire Program/ Chief Greg Lencioni Humboldt FD

- Jason Sparks doing a great job getting fire courses into high schools – They have adopted everything Jason submitted at Humbolt.
- **Motion by Henry to add both items (b and c) to agenda.**
  - Second by Green, Scott, Windrow
  - Approved

d. Audit Selection

- Cocke County, Johnson City, Jonesboro, Kingston, Lenoir City, Oak Ridge, New Port, Roane County, Cookeville, Crossville, Cumberland County, Fairview, Fayetteville, Gallatin, Lawrenceburg, Livingston, McMinnville, Murfreesboro, Putnam County, Atoka, Brownsville, Millington, Munford, Paris, Loudon County, Limestone – 2023 EIP Audits.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS**

This is an opportunity for the audience to make comments or ask questions of the Commission regarding the actions taken at today's meeting.

**XIV. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- a. **Summer meeting Arlington July 25 & 26.**
- b. **Fall meeting with TFCA October 23<sup>rd</sup> Kingsport Marriott**

**XV. ADJOURN**

- a. Motion to Adjourn was Seconded and Approved.



