

**SPECIAL STATE FIRE COMMISSION MEETING  
HOLIDAY INN  
SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV  
MAY 5, 2014**

The official business meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by Chairman Bob Sullivan.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Bob Sullivan, Chairman	Gary Bonnett
Grant Gunnoe	John Holstein (by phone)
Thomas Keefer	Larry Goodwin
Robert S. Miller	Doug Mongold
Rick Scott	Ted A. Shriver
Carl Sizemore	Virgil White

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Gary Bonnett

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fire Marshal Hiring Policy-** Counsel spoke with the Ethics Commission and if anyone on the Commission plans on applying for the Fire Marshal job they were asked to recuse themselves now. Commissioner Sizemore and White recused themselves from any decision making in the hiring policy.

Counsel spoke about the policy and about a few emails he had received on questions about the policy from Commissioners. Commissioner Gunnoe raises a question on the education requirement. He would like it to mirror the legislation that passed earlier this year. Commissioner Holstein makes a comment about the possibility of having the Chief Deputy and or Field Deputy's carrying more education than the Fire Marshal. He felt that would bring up issues within the office. Commissioner Shriver commented on the discussion being held.

Commissioner Gunnoe makes a motion to remove "educational" from 6.3. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed. Commissioner Holstein was a nay vote.

Commissioner Keefer makes a motion to 7.1 add eligibility list. Commissioner Butcher seconded the motion. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe makes a motion to 7.2 to have a majority vote. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Mongold makes a motion to remove 7.3 seconded by Commissioner Keefer. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Mongold makes a motion to change 8.1 to state a simple majority seconded by Commissioner Scott. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Keefer makes a motion to 8.1 to no more than 12 applicants will go before the commission for the final interview process seconded by Commissioner Butcher. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on voice vote, the motion did not pass.

Commissioner Keefer makes a motion to change 10.6 and 11.1 to Chairman of the Fire Commission seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to change 10.3 to a voice or roll call vote to commissioners in attendance seconded by Commissioner Miller. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Mongold makes a motion to just publish it in the Charleston Gazette in section 3.1 seconded by Commissioner Shriver. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Goodwin makes a motion to accept the amended changed seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

A special meeting will be held at the WV fire academy on June 27, 2014 as long as the subcommittee is prepared. The subcommittee will be appointed by Chairman Sullivan.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to accept the Fire Marshal application that was reviewed seconded by Commissioner Keefer. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed abstaining from voting was Commissioner Holstein.

**Air Pack Letter-** Tommy Miller spoke about the letter he submitted to the Fire Marshal's office. He states he has seen many out of date air packs that somewhat meet the current training rule but need to be eliminated for the safety of all (SCBA's). Tim Provaznik spoke about the code he goes by to look at the fire trucks in the field.

The commission follows up with discussion and decides to look in to this further and try to make a change later today when the training rule is discussed.

**Building Code Official Rule-** Counsel spoke about the rule and any changes that have been made. Commissioner Shriver asks about the property maintenance portion of the rule. Discussion was held and Acting State Fire Marshal Carrico gave his input from the office.

Commissioner Shriver makes a motion to amend 7.2 it needs it state what they are enforcing Commissioner Gunnoe seconded the motion. With all the ayes and nays having been taken by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Shriver makes a motion to have Counsel clean up section 4 seconded by Commissioner Gunnoe. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to send to public comment as amended seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

**Training Rule-**Counsel spoke about a few changes that have been made and what needs to be addressed today.

Resa speaks about the Homeland Security wanting a six month waiting period between NIMS 300 and 400. Discussion followed.

Tim Provaznik questions how much training a Fire fighter needs before they get on a fire truck with the proposed new NIMS matrix.

Acting State Fire Marshal Carrico questions if we really need the Matrix. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Keefer made a motion to include the NIMS requirement “should” be complied with seconded by Commissioner Gunnoe. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Discussion was held on SCBA's.

Commissioner Keefer makes a motion to only use positive pressure SCBA's in any fire service activity 6.9.1 seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner White makes a motion to add 3.9 WV Department of Education seconded by Commissioner Miller. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Mongold makes a motion to 3.8 to allow driver training in a non-emergency situation with a allowed drive seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the amendments and file for public comment seconded by Commissioner Scott. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

**Fire Department Policy-** Counsel spoke about what was written in the policy.

Discussion was held on fire brigades, combination fire departments, volunteer fire departments, and the Berkley county program going on.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to approve the posting as a draft seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

**Barrick retirement of weapon-**

Commissioner Sizemore made a motion to grand Assistant Fire Marshall II Barrick his weapon upon retirement seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Fire Commission Meeting will be held at WV Fire Academy June 26, 2014.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to adjourn at 4:45 seconded by Commissioner Butcher. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.