

**INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING**

REVISED AGENDA

**JUNE 14, 2012, 9 AM
IVFA CONVENTION
HORSESHOE CASINO IN SOUTHERN INDIANA
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- A MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. Approval of January 30, 2012 Minutes as submitted.
- D VARIANCE REQUESTS
 - 1. Kyle Brooks is requesting variances for the following individuals to be allowed to take the written/practical testing at the age of 17 for Firefighter I/II; Hazardous Material Awareness and Operations.
 - a. Mackenzie Bleke b. Mark Claiborne c. Lauryn Dotson
 - d. Aaron Etter e. Nicholas Gomez f. Erica Gordon
 - g. Blake Grose h. Denzel Jackson i. Jordan Potts
 - j. Devin Patterson k. Shane Perrin l. Kyle Poindexter
 - m. Kayla Robertson n. Alex Scheidler o. Corey Shelton
 - p. Dylan Thomas q. Tyler Trulock r. Johnathon Wilhelm
 - s. Hailey Anderson t. Tyler Barger u. Bryce Bledsoe
 - v. Jacob Clem x. Derrick Hartman y. Corey Johnson
 - z. Jordan Saucier aa. Cooper Scrogam bb. Trevor Spears
 - cc. David Stipp dd. Kaleb Winfrey ee. Cody Winkler

Staff recommends approval providing they are 17 years of age at the time of written/practical testing.

2. Nick Hintz is requesting a variance for Fire Officer 2 based on Bachelor of Science in Education; his years as a teacher, and work experience at the fire dept.

Staff recommends approval

3. Matthew Bray is requesting a variance for an oral exam. He explains that he has no problem with the skills but his reading skills prohibit him from passing a written exam. He is asking that someone be allowed to read the exam to him.

Staff recommends denial based upon board rules.

4. James Stewart is requesting variance for Instructor I and II/III. He holds a current Primary Instructor and is actively involved in EMS courses.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test. He is currently certified in various fire service certifications.

5. Craig Green is requesting a variance for Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician. He took the course through Progressive Solutions Inc. in 2007. He has included his continued education for the last 3 years and he has met the prerequisites.

Staff recommends denial based upon the length of time between the course dates and his request for a variance. If he desires to resubmit a copy of the completed practical skills indicating compliance with the applicable NFPA standard in effect at the time training was conducted and he must pass the written exam.

6. Robert Graves is requesting a variance for his Instructor I. Due to illness in the family he was unable to submit his hours for recertification on time.

Staff recommends denial. He did not complete the hours as required in the time allotted.

7. Roger Wright is requesting a variance for Instructor II/III. Due to illness he was unable to send in his hours as required. He had completed the hours on time; he simply did not send them in.

Staff recommends denial.

8. Michael Graham is requesting a variance for Fire Investigator. He failed the first test and did not take the retest. He states that “someone” told him not to take the retest just yet because there was an issue with the skills. He would now like to retest and have the skills from the test in March 2011 to count towards the retest.

Staff recommends denial. There is no record of him talking with staff, and there was not an issue with the skills from the original test. Many of the students in the class completed the retest in May 2011 without issues.

9. David Kissling is requesting a variance for Instructor II/III. Staff discovered he had no qualifications for Instructor II/III but in 1998 he passed the written exam and was issued the certification. He did not have First Class Instructor nor did he hold Instructor I. David submitted documentation showing that he held a Second Class Instructor since 1995. We are asking that the Board grant him the Instructor II/III.

Staff recommends allowing him to keep instructor II/III pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test for Instructor I. He must then document 30 hours of teaching after receiving a valid Instructor I certification. He must pass the reciprocity test prior to recertifying for Instructor II/III.

10. Troy Platz is requesting a variance for Fire Officer I. He took the test 01/07 but did not meet the prerequisites at that time. He completed the prerequisites in 2008 and 2009. He is now asking for his Fire Officer I.

Staff recommends denial. Troy has had close to 3 years in which to correct this issue and he did not.

11. Matthew Stelle is requesting variances for Hazardous Material Technician. He completed 40 hours of training at Cincinnati State Tech and Community College. He is also asking for Confined Space Technician, Water Rescue Operations, Vehicle/Machinery Technician, Structural Collapse Operations and Rope Rescue Technician. Rescue training was completed at Ohio State Fire School. Matthew has included the skills that he completed and the hours of class that he completed for the Rescue certifications.

Staff recommends denial for hazardous materials technician because he does not indicate he has hazardous materials awareness and operations in Indiana and the certificate he submitted is for completion of an OSHA course. Documentation does not meet the prerequisites and there is no indication the training was conducted to any NFPA standards. Staff

recommends denial of each of the technical rescue certifications because he is not hazardous materials awareness and operations certified. If he submits an application after meeting the prerequisites he can resubmit his request.

12. Rick Hines is requesting a variance for Instructor I and II/III. He allowed the certification to lapse. He is a current Primary instructor and would like to get his Fire Instructor certifications reinstated. He has completed the hours as required.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the instructor Reciprocity test.

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| 13. Amanda Tolle | 14. Alex Duncan | 15. Jason Weaver |
| 16. Kent Jarrett | 17. Brenda Pierce | 18. Dustin Mcguire |

Are requesting a variance for Mandatory firefighter certification. They took the written and practical exam in December 2011 but the state never received completed applications or proof of practicals. E-mails were sent to the proctor on starting on January 2012. After no results tests were voided on Feb 07-12. They have now submitted the complete applications and are requesting their written tests to be reinstated.

Staff recommends approval. A letter of reprimand will be sent to the proctor Shaun Chambers for failure to perform the tasks of proctor in accordance with the Board rules.

19. Michael Meredith is requesting a variance for testing. He will be 17 years of age 4-21-12. He has completed the practical skills and is asking to be allowed to take the written test.

Staff recommends denial. Michael was 16 at the time the skills were completed, therefore skills are ineligible. Staff recommends a letter of reprimand be sent to the Lead Evaluator , Kyle Kruer for allowing an underage student to complete the skills.

20. James Lunsford is requesting a variance for Instructor I, II/III. He holds a Primary Instructor since January 2012, and has held a FF ½ certification since November 2011.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

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21. Charles Redmon is requesting a variance for Instructor I, II/III. He holds a valid teachers license in the state of Indiana, and is certified as Firefighter I/II.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

22. Gary Barr is requesting a variance for Confined Space Rescue Ops/Tech; Rope Rescue Ops/Tech; and Structural Collapse Rescue Ops/Tech. He has completed classes through the Response International Group, completion certification enclosed.

Staff recommends denial. He has not met the prerequisites required for these certifications nor do we have the signature on the practical skills completed during these courses. Prerequisites that have not been met are Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, and Trench Rescue Ops/Tech. He has also received technical rescue awareness certification without a haz mat awareness certification.

Rick Schnautz is requesting variance for the following students to be allowed to take the written/practical exams for Firefighter I/II.

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| 23. Imran Anwan | 24. Austin Chamblee | 25. Nick Collins |
| 26. Ben Hicklin | 27. Kameron McCoy | 28. Caleb McDaniel |
| 29. Craig Minor | 30. Nathan Riley | 31. Micah Schulz |
| 32. Kyle Thomas | 33. Brooke Webber | 34. Drew Wilkinson |

Staff recommends approval based on the student being 17 years of age at the time of testing.

35. Amanda Eshelman is requesting a variance for Instructor I, and II/III. Amanda holds a current Primary instructor certification.

Staff recommends approve pending her passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

36. Jerry Stigall is requesting a variance for Mandatory, Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Hazardous Material Awareness, operations and Technician. He was originally certified starting at age 8 and the Board revoked

certifications. He was told to file for a variance when he turned 18 and the Board would consider the options listed in the Sept 2008 minutes .

Staff recommends denial.

37. Eric Darlage is requesting a variance for Hazardous Material Technician. He passed the written/practical testing in 2001. He had not met the prerequisite of FF 2 for 1 year at that time and certification was held pending meeting prerequisite. In 2012 he took a Technical Rescue Awareness test and was denied due to not meeting the prerequisite. He believed he had it, has trained for it, has performed as though certified. He is asking to have the certification issued.

Staff recommends denial. The testing completed was 2 NFPA standards ago and he does not meet the requirements today.

38. Jason Allen is requesting a variance for Fire Officer I. He holds an Associate's Degree in Applies Science for Public Safety from Ivy Tech.

Staff recommends approval based on transcripts provided.

E. REQUEST FOR RECIPROCITY.

F. REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

1. Todd Kabisch completed practical skill on March 19, 2011 but did not test until October 20, 2011, 7 months later. He was delayed in testing due to personal issues. He would like the skills to count toward certification. Todd's certification was denied due to the time frame involving the skills.

Todd Kabish is requesting administrative review. He was denied certification because skills were over 180 days old at time of the written exam.

G. STATE FIRE MARSHAL, JAMES GREESON

H HOMELAND SECURITY CHIEF OF STAFF MIKE GARVEY.

I. STATE FIRE TRAINING and CERTIFICATION REPORT, JOHN BUCKMAN

1. Driver Operator Mobile Water Supply

2. Fire Instructor online portal is open. Certificates are no longer being sent out for recertification. The Instructor can print a copy from the website of their renewal.
 - a. Effective September 1, 2012 all Instructor I and Instructor II/III **shall** recertify using the online portal.
 - i. Fire Departments who have not submitted their excel spreadsheet so that online portal accounts may be created by IDHS staff.
 1. IDHS will create online portal accounts for agencies until October 1, 2012.
 - ii. The online portal for fire instructor recertification is the SAME one an EMS certified person uses for recertification.
 - iii. Can only recertify in the quarter of expiration date.
 - iv. Audit information must be postmarked with 72 hours. Audit information is the same as the information is required to be in the past.
2. Penalty for falsifying Testing Prerequisite sheet. If you mark that you hold the prerequisites and you do not and take the written exam, your exam is void and you would be banned from testing for 3 months.
3. Kevin Tibbs EMS suspension
4. PSID#'s are required to be obtained by the student before written testing is administered. Proctors who submit incomplete applications will be disciplined.

This creates significant effort for our staff to contact the proctor who then must get the students back together to complete the applications and then resubmit. This delays the issuing of certification in a timely manner. This costs money in mailing and delays the processing of other test.

J ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS, JUDGE BIPPUS

1. Administrative Cause No. 11-02. Jason Kilsby was denied Technical rescue due to not having certification for Hazardous Material Awareness.

K. OLD BUSINESS

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L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Webinar broadcasts; Jeff Hayes

2. Discussion and possible adoption of LSA Doc. #11-730
3. Accept Blue Card skills as Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics skills as long as the Blue Card is active.
4. Certificate of Commendation (the following are the facts of the case and the Chairman could read them)

Eric Jordan served as a proctor for a Driver Operator Pumper course #2012-13457. When he arrived in the test room he noticed one of the student seats had a scanned copy of the DOP version 1 test. At least one student studying what appeared to be a copy of the driver operator pumper written examination. He engaged the station officer and Chief Kenny VanSlyke in what he believed he had found. Proctor Jordan told Chief VanSlyke that he would disqualify the student from taking the test at this time. When the students returned to the room Proctor Jordan held up the scanned copy of the test and asked the students who had a copy. Several said they had used it as a study guide. Proctor Jordan called the State on the following day and informed us of what had happened. The State asked for a written report from Proctor Jordan.

State action – all students have now been disqualified and this test has been invalidated. Students have been informed that they must wait 90 days to take the written DOP examination again.

State action – all new tests were printed.

State action – investigation continues to determine who took the cell phone pictures originally and then forwarded.

The Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education commends Eric Jordan and Chief Kenny VanSlyke for upholding the highest standards of integrity and honor for the Indiana fire service and the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education. On behalf of the Board certificates of commendation are presented to Eric Jordan and Chief VanSlyke.

M. MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING:

Sept 17, 2012 6pm
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