

State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas

Executive Board Meeting  
Zoom Meeting  
12/20/2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

by President Donny Boggs

Invocation by Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Roll call of Board members present by Secretary Brent Allen

Board Members present on site.

President Donny Boggs  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Billy Tidwell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mark Wobus  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President R.J. Thomas  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Alex Smith  
Secretary Brent Allen  
Assistant Mike Richter  
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board members present: None

Board members Not Present: Immediate Past President Chuck Richardson, Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Hunter Tidwell

President Donny Boggs,

Welcomes, Randy McGregor Associate Director of TEEEX/ESTI and Stephanie Dew of VFIS

Approval of Minutes: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Wobus, ask to the Nov 11, 2023, to be move to the end of the meeting.

Old Business

Report by Tim Rutland

State Vehicle Stasis

- We have a 2016 Tahoe and 2016 Silverado, is used occasionally, the Tahoe is the daily driver, it is a work and home vehicle. (Tim) Plus, all the travel I have been doing.
- We have way more vehicles then needed; What we need is people haulers.
- The trailer is paid for, far as that goes it is much lighter and easier to pull.
- Whatever the insurance cost would be, plus the registration on it.
- My biggest concern about the trailer is that it sits for months and months and does not move, it truly it is unused.
- Because I did not want to have someone to bring the trailer down here and then must bring it back, then bring it back to the office and turn around to come back to McAllen.
- So, I said let us see if we can bring all our stuff in our vehicles and we did.
- Wobus, I would hate to get rid of resources since we are in a flux period, trying to improve things better.

A motion to let Tim Rutland investigate the value of our vehicles and to look at Mid-Size SUVs.

Motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tidwell and second by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Thomas.

The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Constitution and By-Law Amendments  
President Boggs

Amendment Change

President Boggs reported that P.P Chuck Richardson asked to change the verbiage, Sec. 7 Article 5 Duties of the Working Committees, change the verbiage to remove EMS Committee and use TEMSB.  
Motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tidwell and second by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Wobus  
The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Director Tim Rutland

A motion was made to allow Director Rutland to simplify Categories of membership and wording of the Constitution and By Laws.  
Motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tidwell and second by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Thomas  
The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Donny Boggs

The motion to appoint Paul Vogt to the TEMSB  
Motion was made by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Thomas and second by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tidwell  
The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Donny Boggs

The motion to appoint Pete Ortiz from Shell, to the A&M Advisory Board, he is very active.  
Motion was made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Wobus and second by 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Smith  
The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Director Tim Rutland  
District Symposium

- We had 3 responses from districts.
- Heather have stated to contact Presidents and Secretary.
- Hotel is set up.
- Don't have a solid block of rooms yet.
- Heather is the point of contact.
- Kim Stated they put it out on Facebook and the newsletter.
- Hope to have more after the holidays.
- Notify the Austin office who is coming.
- We need a head count.

2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President Wobus

- Zoom Meeting, January 4
- Sponsor is Done
- Fank Libe, Leadership Keynote Speaker, New York
- We have some submissions.
- Board -up will be some more.

### President Boggs /Director Rutland

- Timelines
- Planning Meeting
- It's beginning to jell.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tidwell/Kim

- List of vendors
- 50 Custom Letters / Follow Up
- Casco
- Web Site

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Wobus

- Backgrounds
- 4 down to 2
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting in San Marcus
- Tim's last day is January 14
- Friday morning
- We need as many Board members as possible.

### Renewals

- 6347 – 2024
- 284 Departments – Optional Ins.

### Red Books

- 2021- is at printers
- 2022- should be finished by end of year
- 2023 possibly by planning meeting

### **New Business**

#### Stephanie Dew – VFIS

- Employ – EAP
- Coverage – 2500 – 3500
- Family and Dependents up to age 26
- \$18.00 to \$20.00
- \$130 -\$140 Session (8)

#### Audience Comments:

None – Stephanie Dew

Randy McGregor – Appreciate opportunity to be at meeting. I appreciate the appointment of Paul Vogt. Reminder Sprins School registration is open as well as Leadership Symposium. A&M is working on the concerns of all fire departments, which is Electric Vehicle Fires.

Board Member Comments at: 7:46 p.m.

President Boggs: Good Information

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tidwell: Merry Christmas

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Wobus: Merry Christmas

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President R.J Thomas: None

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Alex Smith: Input, Host 2027

Immediate Past President Chuck Richardson: Merry Christmas

Secretary Brent Allen: Merry Christmas

Assistant Secretary Richter: None

Chaplain Ben Kennedy: All is Good

Next Schedule meeting: None

Motion to adjourn the Executive Board meeting,  
by Brent Allen and second by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Wobus motion carried  
with 8 voting for adjournment and 0 against and 0 abstained.

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by President Boggs

Brent Allen

SFFMA Secretary

1/4/2024

Michael Richter

Assistant Secretary 1/7/2024