

State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas

Executive Board Meeting  
McAllen Convention  
MCC Boardroom I  
06/09/2023

Meeting call to order at: 1:00 p.m.

Invocation given by: Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Roll call of Board Members present: Secretary Allen

Board Members present on site:

President Chuck Richardson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Billy Tidwell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Mark Wobus  
4<sup>th</sup>  
Immediate Past President Richard Van Winkle  
Secretary Allen  
Assistant Secretary Richther  
Chaplain Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Casey Johnston

Board members not present:

Non-Voting Board members not present:

Office Staff present: Executive Director Tim Rutland

Guest:

Frankie Joe Salinas, Andy Dexter, Brad Hargrove, Steven Loving, Pat Hlavaty, Lang Flisowski, Kyle E. Stephens, Dale Sypherd, Christian Kihw(?), Morris Locknane, Jerri Locknane

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes was by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tidwell and seconded by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Mark Wobus with the motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Old Business:

President Richardson

Suspension of By-Laws

We need to discuss the suspension of standing rules pertaining to voting to allow for electronic voting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Tidwell made the motion to suspend the By-Laws, Article 9, Section 2, 3, 4 to allow electronic voting devices at this year's training conference and convention. Chaplin Ben Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Richardson

## TEEX Advisory Board Appointment

I have realized over the past year that I have gotten over my head, on what I have going on. I am going to step down from the TEEX advisory Board, we need someone to replace me for the rest of my term.

I have spoken to Rick Isaacks he is willing to step up and fill that roll.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Wobus made the motion to allow Rick Isaacks to fulfill your standing term. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tidwell seconded the motion. The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

### President Richardson

Out of Executive Session

Due to the discussions, we had in the executive session. I will appoint Vice President Tidwell to review the budget and determine if there are funds for additional employee, available. Any questions about that?

I will entertain a motion to postpone the Executive Director's evaluation till a later time. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tidwell made the motion and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Wobus seconded the motion. The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

### Immediate Past President Richard Van Winkle

The only thing I got, I told Mark, that I may not make that Fire Marshals meeting, that I'm going to the hospital. I probably will not be back at 3:00.

### Chaplin Ben Kennedy

Just a FYI, I have visited Stefany about the Firefighter and EMS Responder of the Year. Firefighter of the Year, we had 3 nominees, we got another one that was late. The meeting has already been held and we have already selected the three. We only had one EMS Responder of the Year. Stefany and I had a talk, we are going to have a talk with the rest of the committee, Saturday when we finish selecting Firefighter of the Year and EMS Responder of the Year. What is going to be brought up, is we discontinue, if we don't get more than one EMS Responder. If we don't get more than 3, that takes some of the luster of what you win. Stefany has even raised what the prize money is.

Vice President Tidwell: made a suggests when we do the next District Officers Symposium, Ben gets a PowerPoint together, maybe you and Stefany, and go over during the district officer symposium.

Vice President Wobus: To refence of the District Officers meeting that's coming up on Saturday, I got several notes, from different conversation since the last one, so I just added Firefighter of the Year and EMS of the Year. To discuss items with the District Officers and their thoughts on training and their thoughts on the symposium, even though you get a survey. Meeting at the convention if they what to continue that, we said we would, to keep communications going. There have been some commutations by District Officers, maybe the E Board assigning a task to the different Districts.

With training on Monday and Tuesday, I know Past President Van Winkle divided duties to go around and thank all the Speakers for being here again, they are given a gift, so I develop a Schedule for everybody to go to now we are short on person we can task somebody else for Donny's spot, how do we what to do that. I can divide Donny's spot between most of the rest of the board members.

Due to the untimely hospitalization of Vice President Bogg's, Vice President Tidwell will be taking the Sunday Meeting, He will be the Presiding Officer.

Audience Comments: 1:45 p.m.

1. Past President Kyle Stephen - Doing a great Job Keep it Up.
2. ?
3. Pat Hlavaty – No Committ.
4. Chris- Thanks To Wobus for everything he has done
5. ?
6. Tim - Thank you all
7. Morris Locknane- No commit
8. Steve Loving – Thank you for having US
9. Andy- None
10. Frankie Joe: Welcome to the Valley, enjoy the heat.

Motion to Adjourn the Executive Board Meeting by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tidwell seconded by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Wobus, the motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Adjourned at 1:48 p.m. by President Richardson

**Respectfully Submitted by,**  
SFFMA Secretary Brent Allen  
07/13/2023