

TIESB Meeting Minutes  
 October 20, 2023  
 HotZone – Houston

- I. Call to Order - David A. - 0815
- II. Roll Call - Jeff S.

Position	Name	Affiliation	Present / Absent
Chairman/Slot 6	David Atkinson	Eastman Chemical - RETIRED	P – Online
Vice-Chairman/Slot 13	Gordon Lohmeyer	TEEX-ESTI	P
Secretary/Slot 14	Jeff Suggs	Kuraray America Inc. - Corporate	P
Slot 01	Brett Steed	Enterprise Products Operating LP	P
Slot 02	Eric Anderson	Chevron Phillips - Corporate	P
Slot 03	Ronald Williams	Dow Chemical	P
Slot 04	John Ford	Citgo Corporate	A
Slot 05	Todd Johnson	Resolute E&R Services, LLC	P
Slot 07	Brandon Davis	Phillips 66 Company	A
Slot 08	Elgin Browning	Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems	P - Online
Slot 09	Pedro Ortiz	Shell Pipeline	P
Slot 10	Guy Duncan	TDEM	P - Online
Slot 11	Erik Pierce	Chevron Phillips Cedar Bayou	P
Slot 12	Mark Garvin	Marathon Petroleum	P - Online
Slot 15	Paul Swetish	Refinery Terminal Fire Company	P
Slot 16	Jared Karns	Texas A&M Forest Service	P - Online
Slot 17	Victor Cano	Cheniere	
Executive Board Liaison	Donnie Boggs	SFFMA	
Executive Board / EMS Liaison	Chuck Richardson		
Past Presidents' Liaison	David Wade	SFFMA	P
Executive Director	Tim Rutland	SFFMA	P
Staff Liaison	Kevin Creamer	SFFMA	P

- I. Committee Members Review YTS Reports
  - A. Topsoe – Pasadena
    - 1. Recommendation is to not approve until all training is completed. Will revisit later. Elgin to reach out.
- II. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2023, Meeting
  - A. Motion to approve minutes - Pete – Second by Gordon – Minutes passed
- III. Action Item Review
  - A. Industrial license plates were designed by TDMV. Tim reached out to understand who and why the design was made without input. The TIESB logo was sent in hopes that will be the design on the new plate. Completed and will be removed
  - B. Ronnie has sent the final TIESB010 – Hazmat Training Criteria. This will be sent to the board for review for a vote in October. Completed and will be removed
  - C. Board positions are filled. Consideration of replacing Tim Graham with a person from Phillips66. Jason Soto with Kinder Morgan has expressed interest. A packet will be sent to him for consideration. Discussion on membership and how many members are needed. The current slots are 17, however the board can have 20. Discussion on in person and online participation and quorums. How do we continue to bring in the geographical areas of the State? If the TIESB wants to increase the board slots a request will need to be made to the SFFMA at the planning meeting in January for a constitution vote change at the annual meeting in June. Completed and will be removed

D. Lee Hall to check on flash drive enable class challenges.

#### IV. Communications

##### A. Committee Reports

1. Area 1 – Elgin Browning - nothing to report.
2. Area 2 – Mark Garvin - nothing to report.
3. Area 3 – Ronnie Williams, Todd Johnson - nothing to report.
4. Area 4 – David Atkinson nothing to report.
5. Codes, Standards & Legislation – Gordon L.
  - January is the go live timeframe with the new 470
  - A Lithium Ion and EV summit will take place in October. More work will be done by NFPA 30A to help develop the standard and training. A lot of national laboratories, Fire Chiefs and energy groups will be in attendance. Nothing has been developed as best practices yet.
6. Board Membership – Gordon L.
  - Discussion of attendance of current board members and reporting out.
  - There are currently two applications in the queue.
  - Online meetings will continue to be allowed.
  - The board will continue to monitor attendance and set expectations. Consideration of a bylaw review and to make sure a quorum can be met.
7. TEEEX Advisory Board – David A. and Gordon L.
  - David attended the meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - TEEEX covered capital improvements.
  - Annual training and instructor participation
  - Municipal school was moved to July 6 – before industrial school this year.
8. Texas Chemical Council – Eric A.
  - No questions from TCC after update given.
9. EMS – Mark Garvin
  - Nothing to report.
10. Industrial Certification – Gordon - Tim – David W.
  - Gordon submitted all certificates to see how the process was working. Online portal has gone through some improvements and seems to be working well.
  - Tim says QuestionMark.com is the testing platform. Both exterior and interior are available. All that is needed is an approved proctor.
  - David Wade brings a message from Donnie Boggs requesting how we get more involvement in the certification program.
    - Discussion on what is the ad value and ROI in the certification. A lot of companies use Pro Board, and it satisfies regulated training requirements.
    - Is there a “carrot” to get companies into the program? Is there a way to help this become a “best practice” to help site managers feel it is important.
    - Tim will help put together a new informational brochure to help push this out.
    - Economics with some companies can be an issue. All the extra training is a concern based on cost per person.
    - An ad hoc committee will be stood up after the first of the year to study the process and consideration of legislation could help.
11. Organizational Membership/Marketing – David W. Kevin C.
  - Tesla will be joining the SFFMA and TIESB. Requesting a Tesla rep to join the Board. Still in progress. Tesla has been doing a lot of Pro Board industrial training. A Tesla rep was in attendance for the October 20 meeting as a visitor.
  - David wants to have information at the TCC EHS conference on certification. Would like other board members to participate as well.
12. Texas A&M Forest Service/TDEM and State IMT – Guy/Jared
  - Realigning TFS regions to match TDEM.

- Adding 40 new TFS positions. Some dedicated to IMT and others TIFMAS
- TDEM changing titles to District Chiefs to move more away from DPS titles.
- The State cannot enumerate private companies at this time. Guy will try to get more clarification. If deployed on a State Incident and some gets hurt, they fall under TAMU workers Comp. Could a private entity fall under that same designation.
- Clarification on authorities of a CLO. Guy to help clarify and establish some meetings with local areas. Local to County to State process still needs to happen.

13. Industrial Fire Training – David A./Elgin

- Nothing to report from TEEEX industrial fire school.
- Next TEEEX planning meeting will be in January.
- Sabine Area MA drilled on a large diameter water flow process. Good opportunity to add members from that area.

14. Vehicle Registration – Kevin C.

- 601 registered
- 15-20 minutes internally and mailed out every Friday.

15. Company Indemnification – Todd J., Jeff S.

- Nothing to report.

16. NFPA Committee – Gordon L.

- Larger committees will meet and then separate into smaller chapter committees and reconvene.

17. Board Procedural Documents – Ronnie W., Elgin B.

- Motion to approve Hazmat procedure - Elgin, second by Pete – All Approved

B. Executive Director's Report – Tim R.

- The test for industrial certification is from the old 2012 standard. We need a new test bank. Requesting a group to review and approve. Most all certifications have been based on Pro Board. Very few tests have been given.
- Ad Hoc committee will be established. Elgin Ronnie, Paul and Pete requested to participate.

C. Industrial Coordinator's Report – Kevin C.

- Nothing to report.

D. Other

- Nothing to report.

v. Old Business

vi. Area Reports

- A. Gordon – call from municipal looking for assistance with a helicopter to see a large grass fire near the ship channel. TEEEX doesn't have air assets.
- B. Indemnification doesn't appear to be moving forward for industry. We will have more discussion with State agencies and possibly legislators.
- C. Ronnie shared more learnings from the coordination and hand sanitizer fire in July. A much larger investigation is taking place.

vii. New Business

- A. Vote on Jason Soto – Kinder Morgan and Caroline Sons – P66 Nederland
  1. Motion to approve by Elgin to approve Jason to slot 18, Caroline slot 19. Second by Pete. All approved.
- B. Comanche Peak Nuclear representative, Chief Green, discussion of ERT members and moving their program to certified members in TIESB. Requesting membership of ERT however, they do not meet the Hazmat technician requirements, but want to be certified members. They should be able to fill out a YTS and be members, but a hold up on certification because of hazmat tech requirements. To revise the requirements/curriculum, it would need to be approved by the certification committee of SFFMA.
- C. Create an ad hoc committee to review certifications and processes. Jeff, Eric P., Brett, Todd, Andy Dexter/SFFMA board certification to also participate. Something to present by January.
- D. David Atkinson retired from Eastman in mid-August. He will be stepping down as the chairman. The board will need to elect a new Chairman. David also stepped down from the TEEEX advisory board. The board will need to

submit a name to the SFFMA to represent TIESB. Motion by Ronnie David will stay on the Board in Slot 6, second by Pete. David will stay on the board in slot 6 and will be working for TEEX as a regional training coordinator.

- E. Discussion of the fire in Louisiana and the foam applications and drone technology. Would like someone to give an update on the fire and how the process transpired. Gordon will work on having someone to come in if they are able to discuss.
- F. Ronnie asked for a discussion on Lithium-ION fires. Looking for SOP's or SOGs. There is a consortium that is working on some of these items. Best practices are being developed now. Everything from bunker gear, PPE, cleaning techniques, extinguishing methods and clean up.

#### VIII. Announcements

- A. Ex-Officio Members
  - 1. None to report
- B. Review of new Action Items from meeting
  - Kevin to update board distribution list.
  - Test bank verification – set up SME
  - Provide David Wade info for conference.
  - January to vote on new Chairman
  - Review bylaws by all board members
  - Appreciation plaque for past Chairman
- C. Round table discussion
  - 1. None
- D. Next meeting(s)
  - January 12<sup>th</sup> 0800 TEEX room 200
- F. Other

#### IX. Adjourn

- A. Jeff S. motion to adjourn