

TIESB Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2023
TEEX Room 200b

- I. Call to Order - David A. 0810
- II. Roll Call

Position	Name	Affiliation	Present / Absent
Chairman/Slot 6	David Atkinson	Eastman Chemical Company	P
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 - Online
Slot 04	John Ford	Citgo Corporate	A
Slot 05	Todd Johnson	Resolute E&R Services, LLC	P - Online
Slot 07	Tim Graham	Phillips 66 Company	A
Slot 08	Elgin Browning	Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems	P - Online
Slot 09	Pedro Ortiz	Shell Pipeline	P - Online
Slot 10	Guy Duncan	TDEM	P
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 - Online
Slot 16	Jared Karns	Texas A&M Forest Service	A
Executive Board Liaison	Donnie Boggs		A
Executive Board / EMS Liaison	Chuck Richardson		A
Past Presidents' Liaison	David Wade		A
Executive Director	Tim Rutland		P
Staff Liaison	Kevin Creamer		P

- III. Committee Members Review YTS Reports
 - A. None to review at this meeting.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2023, Meeting
 - A. Motion to approve minutes made by Gordon L. Second by Brett S. – All approved
 - B. Discussion of adding attendance names to the minutes and documentation sent to board.
- V. 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.
 - B. Ronnie has sent the final TIESB010 – Hazmat Training Criteria. This will be sent to the board for review for a vote in October.
 - 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.

VI. 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.
 - HB 2604 TFS has been able to increase funding to assist more municipal participation at TEEX.
 - 470/472/1072/1041 TEEX has implemented all new changes and adjustments for Pro Board. Live Fire Instructor has been modified and good pass rates are being seen. Consideration is underway for instructor-led online delivery which could help participation.
 - 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.
 - See discussion above in Action Items
 - Motion to approve Brandon Davis with Phillips 66 to join the board All approved. Brandon will occupy Slot 7.
 - Motion made by Gordon to remove Tim Graham from the board due to lack of attendance. Second by Guy. All approved.
7. TEEX Advisory Board – David A. and Gordon L.
 - New board members Rick Isaacs with National Foam and Chris Addington appointed by TFCA. Next meeting October 5th.
8. Texas Chemical Council – Eric A.
 - No questions from TCC after update given.
9. EMS – Mark Garvin
 - Nothing to report.
10. Industrial Certification – David A. and Gordon L. – Tim R.
 - 26 have submitted for certification. 20 have been approved.
 - Tim R. - Courage to be Safe needs to be added to Industrial Certification to stay aligned with SFFMA. The Cancer Initiative course will be required by SFFMA in 2025. Adding the link to our page so it's available.
11. Organizational Membership/Marketing – Kevin C.
 - Tesla will be joining the SFFMA and TIESB. Requesting a Tesla rep to join the Board.
12. Texas A&M Forest Service and State Incident Management Team – Guy D.
 - Position specific classes will start back up to help bolster the training for members of IMTs and those wanting to participate.
 - Changes to the DDC chair in the regions. The DPS Captain will not be in

charge. Starting September 1 (new law) Chief Kidd will appoint the DDC for the incident in the region. This could include an industrial fire.

- County Liaison Officer (CLO) are assigned in each County and are the resource person to the State to help coordinate the ESFs in the State.

13. Industrial Fire Training – David A.

- TEEX industrial school. 762 participated, over 600 pro board certifications were issued.
- Keith Russell stepped down as Chair and Shane Stuntz with Shell will move into the Ops Role
- A question on 1081 Interior. There is no prerequisite for interior. The 1081 standard would have to be changed to add any prerequisite.

14. Vehicle Registration – Kevin C.

- 597 registered

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

- Still no changes in ESF 4 or from the AG. Guy to follow up. Companies need an official written opinion on whether they are covered and whom they are covered by.
- Change from Firefighter Liability to Company Indemnification. Motion by Eric P. – all approved.

16. NFPA Committee – Gordon L.

- Nothing more

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

- Nothing more to report. See above in action items.

B. Executive Director's Report – Tim R.

- Test banks are from the 2012 standard. These tests have not been used yet for industrial certifications. Most people are submitting with Pro Board Certs. Tim is requesting on putting together an ad hoc committee to review the test banks and consider moving to the 2018 test banks. Consider this an action item for October. Should not be a cost associated with moving to the 2018 test bank.

C. Industrial Coordinator's Report – Kevin C.

- Nothing to report.

D. Other

- Ronnie – fire in his area utilizing ESF 4 and State assistance (SOC) to help make decisions. Pallets of hand sanitizer.
- Make a change in YTS committee from Eric A to Eric P. Clerical only.

VII. Old Business

A. Other

VIII. New Business

A. Jeff S. - We have Areas and Committees. What are those committees supposed to do?

- Going forward each Area/Committee will report on incidents or meetings or other happenings in those areas for the group. This could be best practice or lesson learned.

B. Visitors acknowledged by David A. – Lee Hall with TEEX and Jason Soto with Kinder Morgan

C. For 1081 instructor a flash drive enabled computer is required. Industries are having a hard time with that security. Consider a change with the TEEX requirement. Gordan and

Lee Hall will investigate it.

- D. David A. - Attendance and online meetings
 - Do we want to conduct business online and accept votes to make the quorum? All felt the ability is an added value and should continue. There isn't a current precedent or standard. We will follow the SFFMA board policy for attendance.

- IX. Announcements
 - A. Ex-Officio Members
 - B. Review of new Action Items from meeting
 - Kevin to provide YTS report submission to board.
 - Kevin to send the application to Jason Soto - done.
 - Ronnie to send out updated procedure – done.
 - Lee Hall to check on flash drive enable class challenges.
 - Kevin to correct YTS committee from Anderson to Pierce
 - Kevin adds board member name, company name and slot they hold to the agenda for each meeting.
 - C. Round table discussion
 - D. Next meeting(s)
 - October 20th at the Hotzone Conference 0800
 - F. Other

- x. Adjourn
 - 1. Eric A motion to adjourn.