

**STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

June 29, 2016

McAllen Convention Center Room 101A

Meeting called to order at 11:16 am

by President: Perry

Board Members present on site:

President Henry Perry
1st Vice President Harvie Cheshire
2nd Vice President Mike Richardson
3rd Vice President Tim Smith
4th Vice President Richard Van Winkle
Immediate Past President Paul Hamilton
Secretary Joe Ondrasek
Assistant Secretary Jim White
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Ashlynn Wobus

Board Members NOT PRESENT: N/A

Non-Voting Board Members NOT Present: N/A

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Chris Barron & Gabi Glass,

Guests present: Louise Watts from Guadalupe District; Billie Smith from TFA and Pan Handle District; Debbie Richardson; Cary R. Roccaforte from TEEX/ESTI; Chuck Richardson from Wild Peach VFD; Frank Marcinkiewicz from Cat Springs VFD; Allen Scopel from Rosenberg FD and Finance committee; Shawn Snider from Edinburg FD; Ubaldo D. Perez from Edinburg FD; Frankie Joe Salinas from Edinburg FD; Morris Locknane from Pan Handle District and West Carlisle FD; Jerri Locknane from TFA Past President; Keith E. Tate from Fint-Gresham VFD; Jared Jones from Winona VFD; Ruben C. Balboa from Harlingen FD and RGVFFMA; Mari Cruz Tovar from Edinburg FD and RGVFFMA; Eloy Salazar from Pharr FD and RGVFFMA; Robert Kleen from Sgt at Arms Committee; Rusty Kattner PP.

Invocation given by: Chaplain Kennedy

Roll Call of Board Members Present: by Joe Ondrasek

Old Business UPDATES:

- Appointment of Executive Board Parliamentarian by President Perry
 - President presented his appointment of Rayford Gibson as Executive Board Parliamentarian

Motion is: To approve Presidents Perry appointment of Rayford Gibson as EB Parliamentarian

Motion by: IPP Hamilton 2nd by: 1st VP Cheshire

Motion Passed with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

New Business items:

- A&M Advisory Committee Appointment by President Perry
 - President Perry presented his appointment of Chief Bill Gardner of Leander as the 2016 appointment to the A&M Advisory Board for a 4 year term. Chief Gardner will be replacing the seat of Patrick Hlavaty.

Motion is: To approve Presidents Perry appointment of Chief Bill Gardner of Leander to the A&M Advisory Board.

Motion by: 2nd VP Richardson 2nd by: 3rd VP Smith

Motion Passed with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

- SFFMA 2016 Annual Conference review by Gabi Glass
 - General overview and report of the conference by Gabi Glass
 - Conference survey will be going out in next couple days to attendees
 - General report of training by Cary Roccaforte for Monday and Tuesday
 - Monday 26 classes and 232 students
 - #1 class Wildland, #2 Defensive tactics, #3 FF fatalities
 - Tuesday 21 classes and 476 students
 - #1 safe practices, #2 ESO driver, #3 flood awareness
 - General discussion by Board
- SFFMA Fire chief Academy report by President Perry
 - Fire Chief Academy going well. Good feedback from participants
 - Looking at developing a line officer class next
 - General board discussion
- Finance report by Allen Scopel
 - The next budget meeting will be November 12 at the Austin Office
 - A. Scopel has served the finance committee and chair for 20 years in January Patrick Hlavaty will step into the role as finance chair. A. Scopel will continue to serve on the committee for a few more years and suggested the SFFMA Board look at appointing committee members with a financial or accounting background to serve.

Having no other business and before going into Executive session President Perry asked for audience comments:

Billie Smith: TFA is hear for the board

Jerri Locknane: Thank you Board and its been a good conference

Frankie Joe: Thanked the board and membership. RGV glad to host convention

Ubaldo Perez: Has had a awesome time

Shawn Snider: Asked about legislative day at fire school this year

Rusty Kattner: just appreciate everybody

Louise Watts: Great time at conference and look forward to San Marcos.

Mike: Good conference and thanked the board.

Frank Marcinkiewicz: great conference. Thanked all

Chuck Richardson: Great time. Running for 4th VP in San Marcos

Cary Roccaforte: thanks to Gabi for everything

1 minute break and then into executive session, Mascot dismissed

President Perry called for Executive session. Into executive session at 11:41 am

Out of Executive Session at 11:48am

President Perry announced no action taken in executive session

President Perry asked for Board comments.

- President – Perry: Looking forward to things. He has not missed a convention since 1969. This is his lifelong dream and he could be the first to go from Mascot to President
- 1st VP – Cheshire Thanked RGV/McAllen. Humbled and proud
- 2nd VP – Richardson great conference and welcome to newbies
- 3rd VP – Smith glad to be here. We have a lot to do.
- 4th VP – Richard Van Winkle thanked RGV. Thanked Gabi. We will all agree to disagree on things at times.
- Secretary Ondrasek- Good to be here. Had a good time. Welcome Richard and Ashlynn.
- Asst. Sec. White- Good meeting
- Chap. Kennedy- Good time this week
- Ashlynn Wobus- Dream come true being mascot.
- E.D. Barron- Thanked the Valley FD's and all the international carry overs (46) are here from across the border. We are not sure of host hotel for June.
- IPP Hamilton- Good to be here.

The next scheduled meeting is July 22nd 9am building 58.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Kennedy

There being no further agenda items.

Motion to adjourn by: Asst Sec. White

Second by: 3rd VP Smith

Motion Passed with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

President Perry ended meeting at 12 noon

Respectively Submitted

Joe Ondrasek

Secretary