



## MBFTE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** February 9, 2021

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Meeting via teleconference & Teams

Board Member	PRESENT	ABSENT
Reno Wells – Assoc. of Townships	X	
Dean Wrobbel – League of Cities	X	
Rick Loveland - MPFF	X	
Jonathan Kahnke - MSFDA	X	
Chip Lohmiller - MSFCA	X	
Roger Ihrke – League of Cities	X	
Chris Ford - MPFF		X
John Peura – Public Member	X	
Robert Dixon Jr - MSFDA	X	
Roxanne Altmeyer - MSFDA	X	
Jim Fisher – Assoc. of Townships	X	
Gavin Peterson – MSFDA	X	
Becki White - MSFCA	X	
Natascha Hennen - MSFDA	X	
Jim Smith – SFM - DPS	X	

Guests: Steve Shapira (Century College), Patrick Kelly (M-State), Theresa Zikmund (MFSCB), Dave Schliek (MFSCB), Paul Seleski (MFSCB), Chris Johnson (Ridgewater College), Wayne Kewitsch (MnFIRE), DeeDee Jankovich (MnFIRE) and Jessica Zemien (State of MN Fiscal)

Staff: Steve Flaherty, Executive Director and Margaret Koele, License Coordinator

### I. Call to order – Dean Wrobbel, Chair 10:09 a.m.

#### a. Accept agenda

- i. Motion to accept agenda as presented by Reno Wells, second by Rick Loveland, motion carried

### II. Approval of minutes from August 12, 2020

#### a. Motion to approve August minutes by Rick Loveland, second by John Peura, motion carried

- i. Rick & John P approved

### III. Reports

#### a. Treasurer, John Peura





1. This was brought up as Dean Wrobbel was retiring from his position with St Cloud Fire Department and The League of Cities wanted to open the seat, as he would no longer be a member of the city
  - a. The League interprets our current statute as “the person representing their organization be elected official or employee of a charter city”
  - b. The Governor office and AG representative reviewed the statute and it does not specify that the individual has to be an employee of a charter city or elected official, also the other organization member appointment statutes do not specify the individuals seeking the appointment need to be a member of those organizations such as MSFDA, MSFCA, and Association of Townships
    - i. The League of Cities would like to recommend that wording be changed in the statute to specify their wishes for a person being appointed to represent their organization on their recommendation
  - c. The AG representative also commented that a person cannot be removed from their seat due to retirement and they can complete their term
    - i. Steve Flaherty, Executive Director will work on setting up a meeting with the Governor office to discuss the appointment process and the importance of the recommendations that are made from the respective organizations
2. Appointments for current open seats will not be made until March
  - iv. All MFSDA and Officer schools have been cancelled this fiscal year
- e. Licensing, Chair Rick Loveland
  - i. FT -2229
  - ii. PT – 132
  - iii. POC – 1125
  - iv. VOL – 302
  - v. Unaffiliated – 8 (active licenses renewed and the individual is no longer affiliated with a department but will remain licensed until expiration)
  - vi. Current total active licenses 3788
- f. Fire Service Specialist Report – Tate Mills, FSS
  - i. We have gotten approval to go out again with social distancing and precautions in place. We have also been busy in several zoom meetings, which can be done with more in a day than in person meetings
    1. FEMA application is open and closes Friday
    2. We have been busy with fire department dissolutions, the line three project and hazmat training
    3. We had joint meeting with Association of Townships and League of Cities to get some informational guidance documents on the process for contracts
  - ii. We have just completed interviews for the fourth FSS and hope we have an answer soon

- iii. Working with DNR, along with the major organizations on training that needs to be obtained for when deployments happen around the state or to other states

#### IV. Public comment

- a. No public comment

#### V. Old business

- a. First meeting 2021 vote board positions (can hold two terms)
  - i. Chair – Dean Wrobbel (1 term)
    - 1. No nominations
      - a. Reno Wells called for white ballot, Rick Loveland second the motion
        - i. Roll call vote done with unanimous vote for Dean Wrobbel to remain board chair, motion carried
  - ii. Vice Chair – Jim Fisher (2 terms)
    - 1. Jim Fisher nominated Chip Lohmiller, Rick Loveland second the motion
      - a. Roll call vote done with unanimous vote for Chip Lohmiller to be vice chair, motion carried
  - iii. Secretary – Natascha Hennen (1 term)
    - 1. No nominations
      - a. Jim Fisher nominated to white ballot for Natascha Hennen, John Peura second the motion
        - i. Roll call vote done with unanimous vote for Natascha Hennen to remain secretary, motion carried

#### VI. New business

- a. Training informational videos being added to the TargetSolutions enterprise site
  - i. The committee would like to get safety training videos out on the enterprise site
- b. MnFIRE course content added to NFPA1001 program
  - i. Great idea to add to the program content, but we need to discuss how to handle if online, in person, hours needed to add
    - 1. Financial cost to add this program
      - a. Wayne Kewitsch commented that MnFIRE is making a big impact across the state and this is a good opportunity to get the information out more. We will need to have more discussions with the Executive Director of MBFTE
        - i. Rick Loveland commented for Steve Flaherty, Executive Director to get more information and pricing for the next meeting and have the training committee work through the process
        - ii. Steve Flaherty, Executive Director would like to get more input from providers for this discussion
- c. CISD added to the leadership course
  - i. Financial cost to add this program
    - 1. Steve Flaherty commented that in discussion with MnFIRE it was agreed upon at the time to use funding from their FSAC allocation this fiscal year, going forward

we will need to discuss. MBFTE cost was the hotel room for this session. We have a DNR financial module that they come in on their own time and do at no cost for MBFTE

- a. Wayne Kewitsch commented we will need to have more discussions on this, as there are costs associated with all this
- 2. Feedback from the students was positive and a valuable message to continue on with the program
- d. Virtual speakers – add to budget in upcoming fiscal years
  - i. Keep in mind we are on a base budget funding this next fiscal year
- e. Steve Flaherty, Executive Director had a meeting with DNR who had gotten funding from the FSAC for the L380, L381 & L481 courses and they could not have the courses this fiscal year due to COVID and the funding will go back to the FSA
- f. Rick Loveland commented that M-State will be offering a live fire school in April

VII. **Adjourn** 11:28 a.m.

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