

MINUTES
South Carolina Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board
Board Meeting
10:12 a.m., February 12, 2013
Office of State Fire Marshal
141 Monticello Trail
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Richard O'Sheal, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Other members present were, John Butcher, Art Irick, Rob Freeman, Jerry Tindal and Larry Lucas. Member Anthony Segars was not present.

Staff members participating in this meeting included Ray Hoshall, Interim Board Administrator, Shane Ray, S.C. State Fire Marshal and Ronnie Yonce, Administrative Assistant. Sheridan Spoon, Advice Council, advised the Board.

Guests present for this meeting included Ed Roper, Office of State Fire Marshal, David Blackwell, Office of State Fire Marshal, Bruce Kritz, Office of State Fire Marshal, Corky Clark, S.C. Propane Gas Association, Larry Hanna, S.C. Propane Gas Association, and Rex Kneece, S.C. Propane Gas Association.

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. O'Sheal announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Liquefied Gas Board office, 141 Monticello Trail and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the Agenda as provided to each member. Tindal/Butcher/Approved.

Request for Public Comments

No public comments were made

Election of Board Officers (Chairman and Vice-Chairman)

Mr. Hoshall announced that a vote would be taken for Chairman and for Vice-Chairman in accordance with the Practice Act. Paper ballots were distributed in the event of multiple nominees.

Nominations for Chairman

A nomination for Richard O'Sheal to serve as Chairman was made by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Irick.

After a call for additional nominations for Chairman, and none being heard, Mr. Hoshall called for a voice vote. All members voted in the affirmative and no nay votes were heard. Mr. O'Sheal was congratulated on his reelection as Board Chairman.

A nomination for John Butcher to serve as Vice-Chairman was made by Mr. O'Sheal, seconded by Tindal.

After a call for additional nominations for Vice-Chairman, and none being heard, Mr. Hoshall called for a voice vote. All members voted in the affirmative and no nay votes were heard. Mr. Butcher was congratulated on his election as Board Vice-Chairman.

Approval of the June 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted. Tindal/Butcher/Approved.

Management Report

Shane Ray, S. C. State Fire Marshal, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. Chief Ray commented that the last time he spoke before the Board he was the Superintendent of the State Fire Academy. He outlined his background in the Fire Service as both a career and a volunteer firefighter and that he puts service to the citizen first and foremost. He pledges to always work with the stakeholders in whatever decisions are made and involve them in those decisions. He addressed the ongoing review of the regulations and advised that there are no planned changes at this time. The 2012 I-Code are going through the adoption process, and anticipates no major shortfalls since we worked with the stakeholders to get it through the Building Code Council process. He discussed the OSFM reorganization, including the assignment of Ray Hoshall as the Interim Chief of Licensing and Permitting. We anticipate no major changes for this Board, and if any are to be made, we will work with the Chairman and the Association to keep communication between all of us as we work to serve the citizen of this state. Chief Ray briefly mentioned the Governor's announcement of the creating of a Regulatory Review Task Force.

Old Business

Mr. O'Sheal discussed the committee that was established at the last meeting to look at revisions needed for the LP Law or the Regulations. Mr. O'Sheal and Mr. Irick attended the last S. C. Propane Gas Association meeting and their Board agreed that no changes were needed at that time. There were some fee issues but they felt that they could be worked out with the State Fire Marshal's Office. Mr. Spoon reminded all that the fees are contained in the regulations and changes in fees would have to be done in the form of a regulation. Chief Ray advised that the OSFM would work with the committee as we go into the Regulator Review Task Force study. There is no formal timeline as of yet, but that will be established by the Task Force. Mr. O'Sheal added that since licenses are renewed for two years and we just renewed, we will have time to study the issue.

New Business

Mr. O'Sheal called for any new business. Mr. Freeman addressed the change in leadership with the departure of Director Templeton, and the fact that last year there was discussion of dissolving some of the boards within LLR. Chief Ray told the members that the new Director was Holly Pisarik. Chief Ray stated that there have been no conversations between them particular to any of the boards housed in the Fire Marshal's Office. The challenge will be working with the Regulator Review Task Force and see what comes as a result of that. Chief Ray indicated that his goal is always service to the citizen. Our objective at the Division of Fire and Life Safety is to improve the quality of life for our citizens, and that we are always trying to learn how to make improvements so that we are not burdensome on business and to better serve the citizens. Mr. O'Sheal pledged the Board's assistance in the regulatory review process.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board. Tindal/Irick/Approved.

Whereupon, at 10:29 a.m. the meeting of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board was concluded.