

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Pyrotechnic Safety
Board Meeting
August 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Rodney Wyndham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Other members who attended the meeting included: Kelly Campsen, Stewart Robertson, Joshua Spencer, and David Dumm.

Staff members who attended the meeting included: Molly Price, Board Administrator; Zahid Chinwalla, Program Assistant; Joseph Epting, Office of Advice Counsel; Shawn Stickle, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Members of the public included: Michael Hughes, Discount Fireworks Store, Hughes Fireworks, LLC, and Sande Campsen.

The Court Reporter for the meeting was Cortney Glover.

Public Notice

Mr. Wyndham announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the Agency's website, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the August 24, 2022, Board Meeting
Dumm/Campsen/approved.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Excused Absences

All board members were present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022, Board Meeting.
Spencer/Dumm/approved

Board Chairman's Remarks – Rodney Wyndham

Mr. Wyndham stated that he appreciates the work of the Board and the LLR staff.

Staff Reports

Administrative/Financial Report – Molly Price

Ms. Price welcomed David Dumm as the new pyrotechnics wholesaler member for to the Board. She stated that there are two vacancies remaining with the Board for the general public and fire service seats. She informed the board members that she was pleased with the new software for retail fireworks permitting and felt that it was overall a much better process for all involved. Ms.

Price provided board members with permitting and licensure statistics for the previous year, but cautioned that the statistics may not be 100% accurate due to changing over to the new software and working out a few kinks along the way. She stated that she felt tracking would be much better in the future though and that would continue working to improve the system.

She stated that the cutoff date for temporary fireworks applications for the New Year's season will be Friday, December 16, 2022, and that all applications received after that date will have to pay an additional \$200 special processing fee.

Ms. Price discussed the new permitting stickers for CFRS stores and stated that the exemption information had been added to the stickers and the deputies had been trained on how to use them.

Ms. Price also provided board members with the 2023 meeting dates and provided an overview on the upcoming construction projects at LLR.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – Molly Price

Ms. Price provided the report on behalf of Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, Robert Elam. She reported that there are currently no pending cases in ODC at this time.

Regulatory Review

Ms. Price informed the board members that every five years the boards and commissions at LLR conduct a review of their regulations and submits a report of their findings to the Governor's Office. She stated that the Board last conducted this review in 2017 and it was time to do that again. Since statutory updates are needed before the regulations can be updated, she recommended that the Board appoint a committee to look at the statutes and regulations and bring their recommendations back to the full Board.

Appointment of Regulatory Review Committee

MOTION: To establish a committee for regulatory and statutory review consisting of Rodney Wyndham as Chair, along with 2 other board members, a representative of a fireworks retailer, and a representative from the State Fire Marshal's Office.
Stewart/Dumm approved

Appointment of Investigative Review Committee (IRC) members

Ms. Price provided board members with an overview of the IRC process. She stated that this Board would benefit from establishing an IRC for disciplinary cases and requested that the Board appoint two professional members who will assist LLR staff with reviewing complaint investigations and making recommendations back to the Board.

MOTION: To establish an Investigative Review Committee (IRC) and that members of the profession be added to that committee to serve at the pleasure of the board for a maximum of two years. Those members being Sammie Law and Bruce Pyles.
Spencer/Campsen/approved

Public Comments

Chief Stickle stated that he was proud of the training his staff had conducted this year with fireworks inspections and that he would continue assisting Ms. Price with making improvements to the permitting software.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
Spencer/Dumm/approved

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.