

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Pyrotechnic Safety
Committee Meeting
September 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Rodney Wyndham, Board Member, called the Regulatory Review Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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.

This meeting was conducted via teleconferencing with notice given to all parties of this teleconferencing platform.

Committee Members in attendance: Stewart Robertson, Board Member; Mike Hughes, Retailer Representative; and Nathan Ellis, State Fire Representative.

Public members in attendance: Kit Spires, South Carolina Fireworks Association and Jerry Wingard, American Fireworks Standards Laboratory

Staff members in attendance: Molly Price, Program Director; Meronica W. Fulton, Board Executive, Carolyn Sutherland, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel; Jonathan Eversfield, Administrative Coordinator; Scott Ensminger, Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal; and Curtis Smith, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal.

There was no court reporter present at the meeting.

Introduction of Committee Members and Others

The committee members introduced themselves

Program Director Remarks – Molly Price

Ms. Price thanked the committee members for being at the meeting and for their continued time throughout the review process. She stated that committee was appointed by the Board on August 24, 2022 to review the Board's statutes and regulations and to make recommendations back to the Board.

Review of Board Statutes and Regulations

Ms. Price provided a brief update on the changes that have been incorporated into the draft statutes document since the previous committee meeting. She stated that the purpose of the meeting today would be to continue reviewing the statutes and finalizing a draft to take back to the Board for their review.

The Committee extensively reviewed the current statute draft to identify areas that may need additional work or discussion.

Chief Ellis expressed concerns with the current statutory language related to illegal fireworks and recommended that the Committee look at the language throughout to address confiscation or quarantine of illegal fireworks. He stated that he would send additional information and enforcement language from other states for the Committee to consider.

Ms. Price stated that additional language needed to be added to address how to handle licensure and permitting when a licensee's insurance is suspended or canceled. Ms. Sutherland and Ms. Price offered to work on language addressing this issue and bring it back to the Committee for their review and consideration.

The Committee identified several minor changes throughout, and staff indicated they would make the requested changes and send a draft back out for the Committee to review. It was determined that another committee meeting would be needed to go over the changes, and staff would reach out to schedule the meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting
Wyndham/Dumm/approved

The meeting concluded at 11:28 a.m.