

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Pyrotechnic Safety
Committee Meeting
January 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. David Dumm, Board Member, called the Regulatory Review Committee Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Public Notice

Mr. Dumm 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 welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. She reminded everyone that this committee was appointed by the Board on August 24, 2022 to review the Board's statutes and regulations. She stated that due to hazardous weather there were several committee members unable to attend the meeting and it may impact quorum if any potential voting matters are needed.

Review of Board Statutes and Regulations

Ms. Price stated that the statute draft was nearly complete, and it was her hope that after the meeting today, a more finalized draft would be ready for the Board to review at their next quarterly meeting on February 12, 2025.

The committee reviewed the proposed changes from their previous meeting on September 17, 2024, and developed language to better regulate online sales from out-of-state suppliers to SC consumers.

Chief Ellis provided input on the issue of fireworks confiscation v. quarantine for illegal products. He will work with the Board's Advice Attorney to clean up the current language and incorporate the changes into the statute draft.

Ms. Price stated that staff would work to make updates to present to the Board at their next meeting, and if the committee needed to meet before then, she would send an email requesting availability.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting
Dumm/Robertson/approved

The meeting concluded at 11:26 a.m.