

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Pyrotechnic Safety
Board Meeting
April 1, 2026, 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.

Meeting Called to Order

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

Other board members present: Joshua Spencer, David Dumm, and Kelly Campsen. A quorum of the Board was present.

Staff members included: Johnnie Rose, Board Executive; Carolyn Sutherland, Office of Advice Counsel; Casey Smith, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Curtis Smith, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal; Maurice Smith, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

Members of the public included: Michael Hughes, South Carolina Fireworks Association; Kit Spires, South Carolina Fireworks Association; and Jerry Wingard, American Fireworks Standard Laboratory.

The court reporter was Kathy Boone with Creel Court Reporting, Inc.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Campsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: Mr. Spencer moved to excuse the absence of board members Stewart Robertson and James Jackson. Mr. Campsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Spencer moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. Campsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board Chairman's Remarks – Rodney Wyndham

Mr. Wyndham welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this meeting.

Staff Reports

Board Executive's Report – Johnnie Rose for Jonathan Eversfield

Mr. Johnnie Rose welcomed everyone to the meeting and made note that he was serving as the acting Board Executive for the Pyrotechnic Safety Board, as Board Executive, Mr. Jonathan Eversfield, was unable to attend.

Mr. Rose discussed the current licensure statistics included in the Board meeting materials and reminded the Board that annual fireworks retailer permits expire on August 31st of each year and Temporary fireworks retailer permits expire after 90 days, or when the underlying insurance expires. Mr. Rose provided the following report regarding annual retail firework permits valid until August 31, 2026: 110 Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales facilities, 143 stores, and 39 stands. There are currently 3 Jobber licensees, 39 Wholesaler licensees, and 79 display Magazine permits that are all valid until August 31, 2026. Mr. Rose reminded board members that the Statement of Economic Interest had to be filed by March 30, 2026.

Mr. Rose announced the deadline to submit all temporary and annual permit applications in preparation for the July 4th season is Monday, June 22, 2026. Applications submitted after this date are subject to an additional \$200 late fee.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Office of State Fire Marshal – Chief Deputy Curtis Smith for Nathan Ellis

Chief Deputy Curtis Smith appeared for Mr. Nathan Ellis and stated that State Fire had no official report for the Board, but was available to the Board should they have any questions or concerns.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE)

OIE Report – Maurice Smith

Mr. Smith reported that between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, OIE received 28 total complaints related to this Board. Of those 28 cases, 2 cases were still active in investigation and 19 cases had been closed. Mr. Smith reported that from January 1, 2026 through March 27, 2026, OIE has received 1 complaint, has 1 open case and has closed zero cases.

Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Report – Maurice Smith

Mr. Smith presented the December 3, 2025 and February 10, 2026 IRC Reports for the Board's consideration. The IRC recommended 1 case for dismissal, 2 cases for formal complaint, 1 case for formal complaint with a cease and desist, and 1 case for letter of caution.

MOTION: Mr. Spencer moved to approve the December 3, 2025 and February 10, 2026 IRC Reports, as presented. Mr. Campsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – Casey Smith

Ms. Smith provided the March 18, 2026, ODC report to the Board. There are currently 0 open cases in ODC. Ms. Smith reported that 1 case has been closed since the last report on February 9, 2026, and 1 case has been closed since January 1, 2026.

Application Hearing

Joeys & Jans Fireworks – Annual Retail Firework Permit Application

The Annual Retail Firework Permit application for a Joeys & Jans Fireworks with Mr. Joel McCrary listed as the owner could not be approved at staff level due to a previous finding that Applicant had violated the Practice Act and the applicant operated without the appropriate license or permit. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

MOTION: Mr. Spencer moved to approve the application with the condition that the facility be inspected on a quarterly basis for a period of two years to ensure continued compliance beginning on September 1, 2026, with the inspection fees paid by the applicant and any future disciplinary matters must be brought before the Board. Mr. Campsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Mr. Rose opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Spencer made a motion to nominate Rodney Wyndham as Chairman for the Board. Mr. Campsen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Wyndham opened the floor for nomination for Vice Chairman of the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Campsen moved to nominate Joshua Spencer as Vice Chairman to the Board. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Jerry Wingard, Director of Standards and Compliance with American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL), introduced himself to the Board and provided industry specific information regarding 2025 fatalities related to fireworks. Mr. Wingard reported that in 2025, there were 38 fatalities in the United States from consumer fireworks, display fireworks, and illegal explosives disguised as fireworks. Mr. Wingard expressed concerns over the upcoming July 4th firework season, as it will be the 250th anniversary of American independence which also happens to fall on a weekend. The Board engaged in brief discussion on this topic.

Chief Deputy Curtis Smith spoke to the Board on the distinctions between consumer grade fireworks and 1.4 professional grade firework. Specifically, the Office of State Fire Marshal is using a multipronged approach in an effort to instruct law enforcement and deputies throughout the State on this issue in an attempt to assist those who are performing inspections and acting as agents for this Board. The Board engaged in brief discussion on this topic.

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Campsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.