

FIRE SPRINKLER COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

The Fire Sprinkler Committee met on **Monday, July 22, 2019**, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. The following Committee Members were present:

Herbert "Jack" Dyer
Donald Groh
Gordon Dixon
Tracy Eppard
George Wagner
Michael Redifer
Ed Altizer

The following DPOR staff members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Acting Director
Eric Olson, Executive Director
Stephanie Keuther, Administrative Assistant

Joshua Laws, Board Council was present at the meeting.

Chairman Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Call To Order

Mr. Redifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Wagner to adopt the Agenda of July 22, 2019.

Approval of the Agenda

The motion was approved with a vote of 7-0-0 Ayes: Dyer, Groh, Dixon, Eppard, Wagner, Redifer, and Altizer. **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

Mr. Dixon made a motion seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the Minutes of June 11, 2019 Board for Contractors Meeting as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0-1 Ayes: Dyer, Groh, Dixon, Eppard, Wagner, and Redifer. **Nays:** None **Abstain:** Altizer **Absent:** None

Public Comment

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Timothy S. Loscomb “Hooper”, Virginia AFSA and Eagle Fire – Offered assistance in any questions the Committee may have.

Chip Hollis, NICET - Offered assistance in any questions the Committee may have.

Proposed Regulations

Old Business

Chairman Dyer went over the proposed changes to the Automatic Fire Sprinkler Inspectors regulations that were provided by staff.

Changes added to the regulations are as follows:

18VAC50-30-10. Definitions.

“Certified Automatic Fire Sprinkler Inspector” means an individual whose work includes the inspection of fire sprinkler systems as defined in NFPA 25 and certified by this chapter.

18VAC50-30-41. Certified automatic fire sprinkler inspector - Evidence of ability and proficiency.

Pursuant to § 54.1-1147 B of the Code of Virginia, an applicant for certification as an automatic fire sprinkler inspector shall provide satisfactory proof to the Board of a Level II or higher Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems certificate issued through the National Institute

for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) or a substantially similar certification from a nationally recognized training program approved by the Board.

18VAC50-30-90. Fees for licensure and certification.

Certified automatic fire sprinkler inspector \$130

18VAC50-30-120. Renewal

F. Certified automatic fire sprinkler inspectors, as a condition of renewal and pursuant to § 54.1-1148 of the Code of Virginia, shall be required to satisfactorily complete eight hours of continuing education relating to changes and knowledge of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code. No renewal will be permitted once 30 days from the expiration date has passed. After that date the applicant must apply for a new certification and meet the then current entry requirements.

G. Renewal fees

Certified automatic fire sprinkler inspectors \$90

18VAC50-30-190. Prohibited acts.

4. Negligence or incompetence in the practice of a tradesman, liquefied petroleum gas fitter, natural gas fitter provider, backflow prevention device worker, elevator mechanic, accessibility mechanic, ~~or~~ water well systems provider, or automatic fire sprinkler inspector;

5. Misconduct in the practice of a tradesman, liquefied petroleum gas fitter, natural gas fitter provider, backflow prevention device worker, elevator mechanic, accessibility mechanic, ~~or~~ water well systems provider, or automatic fire sprinkler inspector;

20. Failure of a Certified Automatic Fire Sprinkler Inspector to continually maintain the certification required in § 54.1-1147.

Mr. Redifer made a motion seconded by Ms. Eppard to approve the draft proposed Automatic Fire Sprinkler Inspector regulations and have them presented to the Board for Contractors for adoption and submission as proposed modified exempt regulations.

The motion was approved with a vote of 7-0-0 Ayes: Dyer, Groh, Dixon, Eppard, Wagner, Redifer, and Altizer. Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Non

It was clarified that there would be no need for an additional meeting of the committee and that the recommended proposed regulations would be presented to the Board for Contractors

New Business

Committee at its meeting of September 23rd and the Board for Contractors at its meeting of September 24th.

No other Board Business

**Other Board
Business**

Adjournment/Paperwork

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Chairman Dyer adjourned the Fire Sprinkler Committee Meeting at 10:58 A.M.

Herbert Dyer, Chairman

Date

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Acting Director

Date

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