

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

MADE@Plainfield
1610 Reeves Road
Rooms 130B
Plainfield, IN 46168
May 30, 2023, 12:00 PM (Eastern Time)
Meeting Minutes

A. Call to order and determination of quorum – Eric Dreiman, 12:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Eric Dreiman (Chair); Eric Gentry (Vice-Chair); Rob Lund (Secretary); Pedro Caceres; Scott Garrett; Tom Hanify; M. Burke Jones; Stephen Jones; Clayton Kinder; Tony Murray; Tim Smith; Amy Biggs

Board Members Absent

Steve Anderson

Staff Members Present

Hillary Egan; Zach Mathews; Michael Parks; John Shafer; Elizabeth Westfall (virtual); Kraig Kinney; Robin Stump; Justin Guedel (virtual); Regine Johnson

B. Legal – Hilary Egan

1. Troy Dulaney – Investigation Summary and Board Recommendation
March 10, 2023, a complaint was received regarding alleged cheating with EMS and Fire exams at Muncie Fire Department.
2. The complaint alleged that Troy Dulaney was leading a cheating scheme. An investigation took place which included thirty (30) interviews of witnesses, students, firefighters, and Dulaney.
3. April 13, 2023, based on the evidence collected IDHS suspended indefinitely from employment.
4. Evidence that was collected through the interviews was discussed. The evidence showed that Dulaney's misconduct ranged from 2018 – 2023. Exams included in the scheme were Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics, Rope Rescue Operations, and an EMT course.
5. Dulaney's EMS certifications have been revoked for a period of seven (7) years.

6. Authority to Sanction:

655 IAC 1-1-7(b) – Revocation or denial of Certification – the board may take action with respect to the application for or certification of any fire service person...upon information provided to the board that the fire service person has: (1) failed to uphold and respect a student’s right to privacy, dignity and safety....(3) failed to comply with the board rules.

Violations:

655 IAC 1-1-12(j)(12) – Application and testing procedures; appeals; challenges; reciprocity: A proctor shall not discuss any test question or possible answer thereto with any student taking the examination.

655 IAC 1-1-13(a)(4)(C) – Qualifications of evaluators and proctors: ...the qualifications for lead evaluator shall be as follows: Commitment to uphold the board’s practices and policies.

IC 35-43-5-4(a)(3) – Fraud: A person who...possesses, manufactures, uses or alters a document, instrument, computer program, or device with the intent to obtain...an educational, governmental or employment benefit to which the person is not entitled... commits fraud, a Class A misdemeanor.

Motion to revoke all Fire Certification except for Basic Firefighter, Firefighter1 by Eric Gentry.

A motion to Amend the motion made by Eric Gentry.

1st Tom Hanify, 2nd Pedro Caceres, Scott Garret voted nay, Stephen Jones recused himself, all other voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

A motion to revoke all of Troy Dulaney’s Fire Certifications for life was made by 1st Tom Hanify, 2nd Pedro Caceres, Scott Garrett voted nay Stephen Jones recused himself, all other voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

C. Open discussion, comments, questions?

*None allowed at this time

D. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Clayton Kinder 2nd Tom Hanify, all other voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

Next Meeting:

IVFA

Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center

601 South High Street

Muncie, Indiana 47305

June 15, 2023, 10:00AM