

Minutes

Louisiana Life Safety & Property Protection Board

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

October 23, 2014

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Boyd Petty, Chairman State Fire Marshal's Office

David Allen – Security / Fire Alarm

Ed Bradshaw – Sprinkler

Kathy Brown – Associate Industry

Danny Brown – Fire Suppression / Fire Extinguishers

Ron Case – Fire Alarm

Frank Gardner – Fire Extinguishers

Russell Guidry – Fire Extinguishers / DOT Hydrostatic Testing

Jay Himmel – Locksmith / Door Hardware

David Sisolak - Sprinkler

Kimberly Wilkins – Security

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Bradley Boudreaux – Fire Alarm / Security

Paul Robinson – Locksmith

**VISITORS:**

Frank LeDoux                      S & S Sprinkler

Paul M. Fontenot                Alarm Security Group

Nicholas J. Dasch                Peace of Mind Security Inc

Mike Elliott                        Homeland Safety Systems

Jamie Romero                    Homeland Safety Systems

V. J. Bella                          State Fire Marshal Retired

Karen Merritt                      State Fire Marshal Office

Karen Scott                        State Fire Marshal Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Boyd Petty called the meeting to order at 9:36am at the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office in Baton Rouge.

## **Agenda:**

- **Opening Remarks/Pledge of allegiance**
- **Review/acceptance of last meeting's minute**

A motion was made by Danny Brown to accept the minutes of our last board meeting on July 24, 2014. The motion was seconded by David Sisolak. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Review of NICET 2 Requirement for Qualifiers of Pre-Engineered Endorsement**

Boyd Petty made a suggestion to delay the implementation of NICET 2 Requirement for Pre-Engineered and Fire Alarm Non-Required Qualifiers due to the Licensing transition at this time. The Board Members agreed to delay the NICET 2 Requirement until January 1, 2016 and to have a meeting prior to July 2015 to discuss rules and changes. A motion was made by David Sisolak. The motion was seconded by Danny Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Review of Vote for Certified Fire Alarm Technician Course**

The Certified Fire Alarm Technician (CFAT) Course was overlooked in the May 15<sup>th</sup> vote, only Certified Fire Alarm Designer (CFAD) Course was reviewed and voted on. The Board Members reviewed the Certified Fire Alarm Technician Course. The motion was made by Kathy Brown to accept the Certified Fire Alarm Technician Course. The motion was seconded by Kimberly Wilkins. The votes were 7 yays, 2 nays and 1 abstain.

- **Discussion/Appeal for Certified Fire Alarm Designer Certification**

John Paul Fontenot of Alarm Security Group presented an appeal to the Board requesting his CFAD Certified Fire Alarm Designer Certification be accepted as an alternative to NICET 3 for fire alarms. The Board denied his request. However, the Board did agree to issue

him a provisional license for 18 months to obtain NICET 3 in fire alarms based on the following conditions:

- No work requiring plan review or exemption to plan review by the Fire Marshal is permitted.
- Only annual certifications and service work is permitted.
- The firm may hire new employees to work under this provisional license if they meet all other applicable licensing requirements.
- Mr. Dronet must obtain NICET 1 within the first 6 months of licensure and present such credentials to the Board.
- Mr. Dronet must obtain NICET 2 within 12 months of licensure and present such credentials to the Board.
- Mr. Dronet must obtain NICET 3 within 18 months of licensure and present such credentials to the Board.
- Failure to meet such requirements or deviate from these restrictions may result in administrative penalties and the loss of the license.

The motion was made by Ron Case. The motion was seconded by Frank Gardner. The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Business**

Kathy Brown discussed 2014 LLSSA Trade Show Convention on November 19, 2014 and November 20, 2014.

- **Closing**

David Sisolak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40pm. The motion was seconded by David Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

**Submitted by:**

Karen Scott

**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING VOTES**  
**October 23, 2014**  
**TOPIC: CERTIFIED FIRE ALARM TECHNICIAN**

**MOTIONS**

Motion was made by Kathy Brown to accept the for Certified Fire Alarm Technician CFAT. The Motion was Seconded by Kimberly Wilkins. The Motion was passed.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
ALLEN	X		
BOUDREAUX			
BRADSHAW	X		
BROWN, D.			X
BROWN, K.			
CASE		X	
GARDNER	X		
GUIDRY	X	X	
HIMMEL	X		
ROBINSON			
SISOLAK	X		
WILKINS	X		