Quarterly Meeting - January 17, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronnie Howard at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Roll call revealed the following members present: Ronnie Howard, Billy Mims, Robert Nix, Emory Peoples, John Robison, Richard Sapp and Butch Zaragoza. Executive Director W.L. Langston and Assistant Director Wayne Singley were also present.

Chairman Howard welcomed visitors Marvin Weekley, Wayne Grier, and Chief Robert Ezekiel.

Quorum ascertained.

MINUTES

Commissioner Robert Nix moved that the minutes of the October 18, 2000 meeting be approved. Commissioner Billy Mims seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. The quarterly activity and training report was given. The report includes a recap of certifications issued, a listing of schools in progress as well as a report of resident, industrial and field courses completed during the quarter ending December 31, 2000. A report was included on the EMT classes currently in progress both in the resident program and in the field program.
- B. The construction of the new EMS building is not completed, but will be functional before the April Commission meeting. We will probably have the dedication of new building on Tuesday before the next Commission meeting.
- C. Mileage rate went to 34.5 cents per mile effective January 1.

D. The new pension law effecting firefighters covered under the State Retirement, called the hazardous duty bill, went into effect January 1, 2001. State Retirement System has not decided if certified firefighters here at the Fire College will be eligible for this pension or not. I would like to ask the Commission for permission to get an opinion from the Attorney General if we are denied eligibility for this pension.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business identified.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business identified.

BUSINESS FROM VISITORS

No business identified from visitors.

BUSINESS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- I. Chairman Howard asked for motion for Mr. Langston to obtain Attorney General's opinion regarding Fire College employees being eligible for State Retirement Hazardous Duty bill. Commissioner John Robison made motion and Vice Chairman Robert Nix seconded and the motion carried.
- II. Vice Chairman Nix made motion that the Commission accept the Administrative Procedures changes proposed at the Public Hearing on January 16, 2001. Commissioner Zaragoza seconded and motion carried.
- III. The next quarterly Commission Meeting will be held April 18, 2001 at the Fire College in Tuscaloosa.

IV. Commissioner Emory Peoples moved that the Commission Meeting be adjourned. Vice Chairman Billy Mims seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lail S. Phellips

W. L. Langston Executive Director

Gail S. Phillips Secretary

Quarterly Meeting - April 18, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronnie Howard at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Roll call revealed the following members present: Ronnie Howard, Billy Mims, Robert Nix, Emory Peoples, John Robison, Richard Sapp and Butch Zaragoza. Executive Director W.L. Langston and Assistant Director Wayne Singley were also present.

Chairman Howard welcomed visitor Wayne Grier.

Quorum ascertained.

MINUTES

Commissioner John Robison moved that the minutes of the January 17, 2001 meeting be approved. Commissioner Butch Zaragoza seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. The quarterly activity and training report was given. The report includes a recap of certifications issued, a listing of schools in progress as well as a report of resident, industrial and field courses completed during the quarter ending March 31, 2000. A report was included on the EMT classes currently in progress both in the resident program and in the field program.
- B. The new pension law has been worked out. Employees who work at the Fire College that are certified firefighters are covered under this law, therefore we did not have to get an attorney general's opinion on this. Their paperwork has been sent to the retirement system.

C. Pro-ration remains at 6.2%. The budget was passed out of the House with 6.2% decrease. No vacant positions will be filled at this time. We don't foresee any layoffs because of pro-ration, but no positions will be filled. We will be looking at our fee structure and possibly increasing course fees.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business identified.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business identified.

BUSINESS FROM VISITORS

No business identified from visitors.

BUSINESS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- I. The next quarterly Commission Meeting will be held July 18, 2001 at the Fire College in Tuscaloosa.
 - Commissioner Emory Peoples moved that the Commission Meeting be adjourned. II. Commissioner Butch Zaragoza seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Langston
Executive Director

L'ail S. Phillips

Gail S. Phillips

Secretary

Quarterly Meeting - July 18, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronnie Howard at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Roll call revealed the following members present: Ronnie Howard, Billy Mims, Robert Nix, Emory Peoples, John Robison, Richard Sapp and Butch Zaragoza. Executive Director W.L. Langston and Assistant Director Wayne Singley were also present.

Chairman Howard welcomed visitors Wayne Grier, Marvin Weekley and Ralph Cobb.

Quorum ascertained.

MINUTES

Commissioner Billy Mims moved that the minutes of the April 18, 2001 meeting be approved. Vice Chairman Robert Nix seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Howard announced the election of officers.

Chairman Howard opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Robert Nix nominated Commissioner Ronnie Howard for Chairman. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Howard was elected by unanimous vote.

Chairman Howard opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Butch Zaragoza nominated Commissioner Robert Nix. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Nix was elected by unanimous vote.

REPORTS

I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. The quarterly activity and training report was given. The report includes a recap of certifications issued, a listing of schools in progress as well as a report of

resident, industrial and field courses completed during the quarter ending June 30, 2001. A report was included on the EMT classes currently in progress both in the resident program and in the field program.

- B. The EMS re-accreditation visit in June was completed. Everything went well. Five recommendations were made which will be addressed.
- C. The storage building in the back is progressing well. This will be used for storage of equipment used for our schools, such as trench rescue, etc.
- D. We have gotten the statistical analysis on the C-PAT, Validated physical ability test. Some of our instructors have attended training sessions on administering the C-PAT test and in September we will be doing a training session on C-PAT here at the Fire College. Beginning with the March 2002 recruit school, each candidate will be required to complete the physical agility test prior to enrollment in the Fire Fighter I School.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business identified.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Howard asked for a report from the Budget Committee. Vice Chairman Nix reported that the Budget Committee met July 17, 2001 and reviewed the operating budget of the Fire College. Vice Chairman Nix made motion that the Commission approve the Budget as submitted. Commissioner Peoples seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Nix made a motion to set Assistant Director's salary to that of Vice President as provided by the salary schedule. Commissioner Billy Mims seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM VISITORS

No business identified from visitors.

BUSINESS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

I. Vice Chairman Robert Nix made a motion that the Fire College Campus be named the

- Dr. W. L. Langston Campus pursuant to the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission's authority under Alabama Code section 36-32-5 (1975). Commissioner John Robison seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Having been unanimously approved by the Commission, the campus of the Alabama Fire College shall henceforth be known as the Dr. W. L. Langston Campus.
- II. Commissioner Emory Peoples moved that the Commission Meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Butch Zaragoza seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Langston Executive Director

Dail S. Phillips

Gail S. Phillips Secretary

Quarterly Meeting - October 17, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronnie Howard at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Roll call revealed the following members present: Ronnie Howard, Billy Mims, Robert Nix, Emory Peoples, John Robison, Richard Sapp and Butch Zaragoza. Executive Director W.L. Langston and Assistant Director Wayne Singley were also present.

Chairman Howard welcomed visitors Wayne Grier and Ralph Cobb.

Quorum ascertained.

MINUTES

Commissioner Emory Peoples moved that the minutes of the July 18, 2001 meeting be approved. Vice Chairman Robert Nix seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. The quarterly activity and training report was given. The report includes a recap of certifications issued, a listing of schools in progress as well as a report of resident, industrial and field courses completed during the quarter ending September 30, 2001. A report was included on the EMS classes currently in progress.
- B. We are progressing along well with the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). We have another orientation session scheduled for December 14. We are encouraging anyone that is interested to come and see it. There are approximately a dozen cities that have adopted it already. We hope by the next Commission meeting to have more information on it. I will probably have a recommendation for you at the January meeting.

- C. Recently completed first certification course for Fire Officer III and recently completed the new Confined Space Rescue certification course. We have new certification courses for also for Trench Rescue and High Angle Rescue.
- D. We have received the new rescue truck from Sunbelt Fire apparatus.
- E. Since Dr. Phillip Bobo's conviction he is no longer employed at the Fire College. We are abiding by the State Board Board policy and the Fair Dismissal Act, and we are following recommendations of the Attorney General's office to assure this is handled properly.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business identified.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business identified.

BUSINESS FROM VISITORS

Chief Ralph Cobb representing the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs reported that this association supports the CPAT.

BUSINESS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

I. Commissioner Billy Mims made a motion for the Commission to honor the fallen firefighters related to the September 11 disaster. Commissioner Emory Peoples seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

II. Commissioner Billy Mims moved that the Commission Meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Butch Zaragoza seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Langston Executive Director

Lail S. Phillips
Gail S. Phillips

Secretary