

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

August 29, 2013

(Approved)

Members Present: Stephen Carrier, Brad Simpkins, Kevin Pratt, George Klauber, Michael Brown, J. Michael Joyal, William Degnan, Jeremy Thibeault, David Lindh, Richard McGahey and Earl Sweeney .

Members Absent: Jason Lyon, Kerry LeBlanc and Mark Tetreault.

Vacancy: Dept. of Education Designee.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*—Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief; Nick Mercuri, EMS Bureau Chief; Denice McAdoo, Recording Secretary; Deputy Chief – Laconia FD – Deborah Pendergast.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Item 1. Call to Order. The meeting of the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission was called to order by Chair Carrier at 2:10 a.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2013 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chair Carrier.

New EMS Bureau Chief Nick Mercuri was introduced.

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with Deborah Pendergast, who is the candidate Commissioner Barthelmes is bringing forward to fill the Director's position at the Fire Academy.

Deputy Chief Pendergast sent her resume around to be reviewed by the Commission members and spoke of her background, education, career and abilities involving both Fire and EMS training and what led her to apply for

the position of Director. She then opened the floor to the Commission members for questions.

After some questions and discussion Deputy Pendergast was asked to leave the room so the Commission members could discuss among themselves her appointment.

Commissioners asked for clarification about the process for appointing the Director. The process was explained by Commissioner Sweeney.

Motion to support the nomination of Deputy Chief Pendergast was made by Commissioner Brown; seconded by Commissioner Joyal; with one abstention and one opposition; motion passed.

Commissioner Sweeney thanked Jeff Phillips for filling in as Director while Perry Plummer has been at HSEM (now his new position as Director) and until the position is filled.

Deputy Pendergast was brought back in and informed of the Commission's support. She thanked everyone.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. was made by Commissioner Klauber and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief