

Draft January 2, 2020 Minutes FST Rules Sub-Committee Meeting at Fire Standards and Training

The FST Rules Sub-Committee met following the full Commission meeting on January 2, 2020, at approximately 11:00 am. Present were Nancy Smith, Robert Buxton, Jeremy Thibeault, Justin Cutting and Jeffery Phillips and Nick Mercuri.

The minutes of June 6, 2019 and November 25, 2019 were approved unanimously on motions made by Rob Buxton and seconded by Jeremy Thibeault.

Jeffery Phillips reported he has asked the two questions, 1.) the legal issue of whether there is statutory authority for FST to adopt rules that would address hiring and appointment standards for part-time, call and volunteer fire service personnel, as well as career fire service personnel; and 2.) asking Safety legal counsel what the process for prosecuting disciplinary actions under expanded rules would be, what FST's support would be for such prosecutions, and for proposed revisions to the process rules to reflect current best practices regarding due process. He has not received responses yet.

Scheduling another meeting should wait until we have responses on these two questions.

On unanimous motion made by Rob Buxton and seconded by Jeremy Thibeault the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Nancy Smith, FST Rules sub-committee chair