I. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Keith Russell at 0808

II. **Roll Call** – Robert Moore called roll and the roster above indicates attendance. Chair Russel advised we have a quorum. Keith welcomed the SFFMA Executive representatives.

a. Welcome of visitors: Keith welcomed all of the SFFMA executive board visitors. Mike Richardson, Tim Smith, Chuck Richardson, Donnie Boggs, Brent Allen & Harvie Cheshire each made a few welcoming comments. Rick Issacs was in attendance representing the IAFC Industrial Section. Lots of following discussion regarding foam chemistry, Use of foam, officer training & other topics. Brett Peirce is the Fire Chief visiting from Hwy 321 fire department introduced himself & his son Eric Pierce who is the Fire Chief for Covestro in Baytown. Curtis Brown & Thom Jones were both in attendance & addressed the group as current candidates for the upcoming SFFMA 4th Vice Chair election.
b. SFFMA Directors report: Chris Barron welcomed everyone & gave an update on association activities related to acquisition of the industrial test bank & the plan for testing. All dues cross the board went up. The budget was based on 85% return on membership dues & we just hit that target. Not sure why some aren’t paying their dues, they are following up. Chris discussed some of the benefits available to members as an incentive. Office staff is currently full. Mentioned a recent death benefit payout that helped the family of a non-LODD. Will be renting some space in the building to VFIS and looking at a plan to build out the 2nd floor of the building. Right now, we have 1009 fire department members and about 15,500 individual members. Total of 17,988 members & continuing to add. Gabi is no longer with the association, she’s been replaced by Charles Gallatin. DHS grants – 111 billboards across Texas for volunteer recruiting. Just finished our financial audit, had a good report. Recommended that a treasurer be added to the board & that the association maintains 6 months of funds of cash for emergency reserve. A question was raised about the roof issues, they have been resolved. A question was raised regarding why industrial dues are 2&1/2 times what municipal dues ($500 vs $200). Discussed the lack of indemnification for TIFMAS requests for industrial assets. Chris reviewed the recent past legislative session. Our lobbyist J Pete Laney worked very hard to help us through the process. Lots of success here on bills passed to benefit the fire service.

III. Committee Members Review YTS Reports – One Yearly Training Summary was passed around for review, 1 for Area 1, 2 for Area 2, 1 for Area 3 & 1 for Area 4.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Vice Chair Moore asked if there were any corrections needed to the June 21st meeting minutes. A few minor grammatical changes were made. A motion was made to approve the June 21st 2019 meeting minutes with corrections by Steve Pepper, 2nd by Paul Hanneman. Approved unanimously.

V. Action Item Review – Completed a quick review of all previous action items. They were either completed or closed at the last meeting. (a new list was generated and is included at the end of these meeting minutes)

VI. Communications

A. Committee Reports
1. Area 1, Brett Steed – 1 YTS report: Chevron Phillips Cedar Bayou Plant – we will table for lack of required information
2. Area 2, Mark Turvey – 2 YTS reports: Pasadena Refining System – missing some documentation for hazmat & rescue (David Wade advised they have a new name, now Chevron Houston Refining due to recent purchase) – tabled due to incomplete information. INEOS Olefins & Polymers – incorrect information in application – not meeting minimum requirements for firefighting, also not meeting 1041 fire service instructor – also tabled due to incomplete information
3. Area 3, David Cave – 1 YTS report: INEOS Nitriles – Green Lake Plant – Instructors not checked as trained but indicated they are trained by TEEX (TEEX has approved instructors). Motion made to approve by Robert Moore, Todd Johnson seconded, YTS is approved
4. Area 4, David Atkinson – 1 YTS report: Eastman Chemical Longview – Advanced exterior, Medical, Rescue, HazMat, Todd Johnson made a motion to approve, 2nd by Gordon Lohmeyer, YTS is approved

Codes & Standards update – Gordon Lohmeyer – A lot of discussion about codes and standards. Some positive, some negative:

NPFA 1851 – (still out for review) Selection Care & Maintenance of PPE – Requiring going from annual to semi-annual advanced gear cleaning and inspection. This will force some to double their cleaning budget.

NFPA Edition changes effective December 1, 2018

- 1072: Hazardous Materials – migrating over to the pro-qualification standard. 2017 edition, TEEX is fully operation with 1072. Working towards a pro-board online component. Will still require hands on testing
- NFPA 1006
On the Horizon for development in FY19

  - **Major changes:** new edition will require 1072 HazMat Awareness and Operations as prerequisite to become certified. Working on an online version to help customers.

- **1041: Fire Instructor – 2019 edition**
  - **Major changes:** 2 new chapters adding a new certification level for Live Fire Instructor and Instructor in Charge


- **ERPP – change to 1910.156 still being considered.** The conference calls planned earlier this year were cancelled / postponed indefinitely. Turvey suggested maybe getting the working groups together that are evaluating the proposed changes to compare notes.

Steve Pepper – advised that legislation regarding the regulation of PFAS foams is moving forward. Some states have already banned use of foams with PHOS / PFOA. There was a Texas bill in committee that never made it out of committee. Lots of emphasis on air monitoring & expect some mandates coming. Steve mentioned that NFPA has been approached about professional qualifications for large atmospheric storage tank firefighting.

Meeting break at 0935 – reconvened at 0950

Board membership – **Chief Moore** advises we have a vacancy in Slot 14 with Jeff Hoffstadt stepping down. Robert Moore advised that we have an applicant, Jeff Suggs from Kuraray La Porte that has provided all of the documentation including letter of support. Robert recommended we entertain his addition to the board for Slot 14. Steve Pepper made a motion to add Jeff to the board, it was seconded by Dave Atkinson, motion carried unanimously.

TEEX advisory board – **Vice Chairman Robert Moore** advised that the new office / training building that was planned is now moving forward with a price tag of $31.9M. Planning to be in construction in 2020. The new waste water improvements are now done so should see great improvements during future schools. Improvement suggestions for the field fire water system from FPE Rick Lewis are being made. Old pressure regulating valves are being replaced / upgraded. Recently hosted an IRECA rescue challenge competition. About 160 competitors representing several different types of teams participated. Chief Russell will be rotating off of the TEEX advisory board this year due to term limits. Steve Pepper will be replacing him. Steve advised they are looking to add a non-certification advanced rescue course.

TCC Update – **David Atkinson** – Dave wasn’t able to attend the TCC conference in June but got good reports on the conference. We should consider asking for a TIESB booth next year.

EMS update – **John Holloway** not present - no report

Industrial Certification Program – **Steve Pepper** advised that the test bank was purchased & received.

Organizational Membership – **David Cave** – (not present, no report)

Texas A&M Forest Service and State Incident Management Team - Paul advised there was a 2604 change to fund extractors. Paul advised he has been on a 3-month special assignment in Washington to develop a National Incident Management Team program office. Chief Jon Reese from Wichita Falls FD will be the new state IMT coordinator. He will start February 2019. Jared Karns has been named the TFS Chief Response Training Coordinator. TFS Legislative Initiatives were to maintain current funding & personnel levels, increasing funding for TIFMAS an additional $1 million annually, and supporting SFFMA’s initiative to get the 2604 Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund back to the $25 million annually. Helping hands Program is still very viable assisting VFDs through donations from Industry & Municipalities.

Industrial Fire School – **Gordon Lohmeyer** SLT met yesterday. Most detail has already been covered.
Emergency Vehicle Registration – Kevin Bryant (new committee lead had to step out) – Kevin Creamer advises we currently have 251 vehicles registered.

TIESB Marketing – David Wade SFFMA will have a booth at the annual school – TIESB can likely participate. Casey Richardson will be the liaison. Will look at opportunities to present at the 2020 TCC conference.

The committee reviewed all of the old action items & deemed that they were all complete or will be closed. The old action items will be removed from future meeting minutes:

Board membership – discussed whether or not there should be a recommitment letter for non-attendees. Should there be a 4-year commitment? Remove 4 vacant slots to take board to 16 members to improve chances of a quorum.

There was some discussion to consider an electronic meeting format.

New Action Items review:

A. Industrial certification – almost complete – just need to get the process vetted with TEEX and we’ll be ready to roll out. Kevin will complete the software load by July 1st & help develop a 1 pager info sheet. TEEX will help validate the test bank. Update a FAQ document.

B. David Wade will look into TIESB having a booth at the TCC conference in June of 2020 and maybe see about presenting about TIESB at the conference.

C. Mark Turvey will have Kevin send out the revised / reviewed procedures for review by the team at the October meeting. This will complete the overdue review of all TIESB procedures.

D. Develop a working group to evaluate electronic meeting format options & report back by the June meeting. Kevin Bryant, Steve Pepper, Kevin Creamer & Mark Turvey will serve and Kevin will Chair this committee – still work to do

E. Coordinate with MAMB to talk about TIESB

Old Business – None

New Business – the test bank has been purchased but still needs to be vetted. Still work to do to define the process and figure out how the testing process will work. We need to develop some info to use to inform / educate future potential users.

Procedural Review – reviewed procedures 10 & 11, after reviewing both of these it was agreed that these standards don’t have appropriate programs to support. A motion was made to table these 2 procedures and hold them until proper programs are in place to support them by Steve Pepper & 2nd by John Holloway. Motion carried unanimously.

Good of the order:

David Wade – casino night at municipal annual school – SFFMA fundraiser for annual convention. Need to continue to try & develop industrial training tracks for the conference. Rick Deel now works for the HCOHSEM as a planning section chief. Need an IAFC liaison to keep industrial info on the forefront. Rick Deel has come out of retirement to work for the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management working for the County Judge as a Planning Section Chief. David suggested that maybe the TIESB could serve as a Fusion Center to work with IAFC & help represent industrial members. TIESB also has an appointment to the Conference Speaker & Training Committee.

Mark Turvey – mentioned that there is new legislation that can allow someone to renew a drivers license & a concealed carry permit with a current CPR card.

Chair Russell asked the members to consider offering to step up & serve as an officer or a committee chair.

Next meeting – Friday morning Oct 18, 2019 in Houston at the Crowne Plaza Stephen F Austin Room 2. Chief Richardson advised that there will be challenges with the Longview conference now with the absence of Gabi Glass.
A motion was made to adjourn by David Atkinson, seconded by Gordon Lohmeyer. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:04.

These minutes were recorded & prepared by board Secretary Mark Turvey.

TIESB Group Photo:

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L-R: Gordon Lohmeyer, Paul Hanneman, Kevin Creamer, David Atkinson, Kevin Bryant, David Wade, Mark Turvey, Todd Johnson, Steve Pepper, Keith Russell, Robert Moore, Ron Williams, Mark Garvin