



Present Fire Board of Appeals Board Members (6):

Vince Colarelli
David Hewett, Chair
Ron Honn, Vice Chair
John Putnam
Mike Riggs
Roger Wallace

Industry Represented:

Building
Small Business
Citizen At-Large
Insurance
Architecture
Fire Suppression

Not Present (0):

Industry Represented:

Large Business

Vacant Position: (1)

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Industry Represented:

Large Business

Present Fire Board of Appeals Secretaries:

Brett Lacey, Fire Marshal

Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department

Additional Attendee(s):

Kris Cooper, Deputy Fire Marshal
Jannic Ekornes, Contract Division Manager
Jeff Hanenberg, Senior Fire Inspector
Laurie Olson, Vice President
Katha Snow, Compliance Coordinator
Frederick Stein, Senior Attorney
Mark Trudell, Deputy Fire Marshal

Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department
Western States Fire Protection
Colorado Springs Fire Department
CB Insurance Colorado
Colorado Springs Fire Department
City of Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

1. Board Chair Hewett calls the meeting to order at 8:41 A.M. and promptly conducts a roll call.

A. Announcement:

- i. It is anticipated that Jannic Ekornes and Laurie Olson will receive member appointments for participation on the Fire Board of Appeals board during April 13, 2021's City Council meeting. Mr. Ekornes represents the fire suppression systems industry and is to succeed Board Member Roger Wallace. Ms. Olson is to represent the insurance industry following Board Member John Putnam. Both attend today's Fire Board of Appeals meeting to receive introductions and become familiar with processes.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Honn motions to approve the meeting minutes.
Board Member Colarelli seconds the motion.
Motion passes unanimously.

2. Contractor Licensing

A. Fire Alarm Contractor A

- i. **Business Name:** 1st Alarm, Inc.
Principal Officers: Todd A. Town, President
Scott A. Alford, Treasurer
Licensee: Kevin C. Carr
RME: Kevin C. Carr

Fire Marshal Lacey states applicant meets the requirements and recommends approval.

**Board Member Colarelli motions to approve the application.
Board Member Wallace seconds the motion.
The motion passes unanimously.**

- ii. **Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc.**
Principal Officers: Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. (*As listed on the application.*)
Karen Maples, Director of Regulatory Compliance and Licensing
Licensee: Dennis Murphy
RME: Dennis J. Murphy

Fire Marshal Lacey states applicant meets the requirements and recommends approval.

**Board Member Colarelli motions to approve the application.
Board Member Wallace seconds the motion.
The motion passes unanimously.**

B. Fire Suppression Contractor A

- Business Name:** Allied Fire Protection L.P.
Partners: Shannon L. Payne
William Troy Davenport
Licensee: William Davenport
RME: William Davenport

Fire Marshal Lacey states applicant meets the requirements and recommends approval.

**Board Member Putnam motions to approve the application.
Board Member Honn seconds the motion.
The motion passes unanimously.**

BUSINESS

1. Licensing Discussion

Presenter: Fire Marshal Brett Lacey

Fire Marshal Lacey explains Pikes Peak Regional Building Department's (RBD) contractor licensing requirements are in place for electrical, plumbing, mechanical, etc., trades since the inception of the building code. Therefore, it is RBD's responsibility to issue and manage building industry contractor licenses. Many years ago, fire protection issues led to the determination that Colorado Springs needs to incorporate local licensing provisions. For that reason, Colorado Springs Fire Department dovetailed the licensing requirements of the fire code with those of RBD's.

Because RBD manages the overall input of licensing applications and processes, when a fire prevention-related license application is proven to meet the building code's provisions, the application packet is presented to Construction Services' fire code licensing subject matter experts. These experts guarantee that the fire code licensing requirements are met before having the information placed in the Fire Board of Appeals agenda packet.

Years ago, scant details, specific only to the fire code, were available for review by the Board. However, after requests, by board members, it was determined that all of the application information, except social security numbers, be provided within the Fire Board of Appeals agenda packets.

Occasionally, applications are not filled out correctly and incomplete information specific to RBD's purview may be discovered by the fire department. Addressing these concerns with RBD can be laborious and cause delays in approval. Therefore, I am seeking the Board's guidance. Is Colorado Springs Fire Department to vet out the inaccurately completed applications that are approved by RBD, potentially causing delays to the applicant getting the license, or does the Board support knowing licensing packets presented for their approval fully meet the intent of the fire code, but the remaining information may be modestly accurate at times.

Board Member Colarelli suggests, based on his experience on RBD's licensing committee and their Board of Review, expectations of the Board are for the fire department to assess the technical expertise of each of the license and the rest of the administrative information is the duty and the obligation of the building department.

Vice Chair Putnam states concern specific to insurance certificate requirements and agreement with Board Member Colarelli. However, he does not know of any other licensing division where, if people cannot accurately complete an application, they are granted tolerance and approval. Building is a technical industry, and if people have to wait a little longer because they did not complete something accurately. The fault lies with the applicant. Not RBD or the fire department.

Board Member Wallace is also in agreement with Board Member Colarelli.

Fire Marshal Lacey recaps the discussion results: All licensing applications going before the Board will be accurately assessed for technical fire code requirements. If minor inaccuracies within RBD's requirements are discovered, the application will go before the

Board. However, if there is the discovery of grossly inaccurate information within RBD's purview, the application will be returned to RBD for awareness and correction.

PRESENTATION

1. Colorado Springs Fire Department Community Education and Outreach
Presenter: Sunny Smaldino, Senior Fire and Life Safety Educator

Senior Fire and Life Safety Educator Sunny Smaldino presents on the Colorado Springs Fire Department Community Education and Outreach section and answers questions.

Task-oriented question: Board Member Wallace asks if financial donations in support of a specific cause may be given. Fire Marshal Lacey replies affirmatively and tasks Katha Snow with providing board members with a detailed list of donation opportunities.

(Included with these minutes is the presentation slideshow.)

(Fire Marshal Lacey experiences technical difficulties. Deputy Fire Marshal Trudell assumes the role of Acting Fire Board of Appeals Secretary.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Hewett expresses farewell with gratitude to Board member Wallace for committing 16 years of professionalism, knowledge, and expertise to the Board and our community.

Board Member Wallace states he received as much as gave, and would like to return if possible.

2. Chairman Hewett expresses a similar goodbye with thankfulness to Board Member Putnam for two terms served on the Board.

Board Member Putnam includes serving on the Board was always= done with pride, and he looks forward to any future endeavors involving the fire department.

ADJOURN

Board Member Putnam places a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Board Member Wallace seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brett T. Lacey

Fire Marshal and Secretary to Fire Board of Appeals

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