

Fire Service Training Commission
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute

The University of Kansas

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

10:00 AM

The Kansas Fire Service Training Commission will meet in person *and* via Zoom Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 10:00. In person meeting will be held at Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute, 1515 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049 in Classroom #25. Zoom information is below:

Zoom Meeting

<https://kansas.zoom.us/j/86483064191>

Meeting ID: 864 8306 4191

Passcode: 869406

The following topics will be subject to Fire Service Training Commission consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items on the agenda are set for possible action.

The order of the Agenda may be changed by order of the Fire Service Training Commission.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Affirmation of Quorum**
- 2. Approval of Minutes** of February 12, 2025 Kansas Fire Service Training Commission Meeting
- 3. Public Forum-** Public comments are limited to three-minutes. Persons may submit written comments of any length for the Fire Service Training Commission files. Those wishing to address the Commission should notify the [Chair](#), [Vice Chair](#), or the [Director of KFRTI](#) prior to the meeting. At the conclusion of the public forum, individual Fire Service Training Commission members may respond to comments made by those individuals who have addressed the Commission and may ask staff to review a matter and place it on a future agenda. However, the Fire Service Training Commission members may not discuss or take action on a matter raised during a call to the public, that is not already on the agenda, and are not obligated to comment upon materials or presentations made by the public.
- 4. Consent Agenda-** The Consent Agenda contains items which might require action by the Fire Service Training Commission but are generally routine items not requiring the Commission's discussion. Usually, a single motion will approve all items on

the Consent Agenda, including any resolutions. However, a Fire Service Training Commission member may remove any item on the consent agenda and that item will be discussed and voted upon separately.

- a. There are no items on the Consent Agenda

5. Chair's Report

6. Vice Chair's Report

7. Director's Report

8. Business

a. Old Business:

- 1. Legislative Updates for FSTC appointments
- 2. Joint Facility on hold update
- 3. Bachelor's of Fire & Emergency Services update
- 4. Bylaws

b. New Business

- 1.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Kansas Fire Service Training Commission Meeting
St. Andrews Office Facility
Wednesday February 12, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Attending Commission Members: Darin Myers, Dan Romine, Bill Wain, Jason Lankas, Mark Engholm, Justin Ducey, Bonnie Johnson, Mike Roosevelt

Absent Commission Members: Kevin Webster, Eric Voss

Attending Jayhawk Global Staff: Emily Zentner, Jenn Johnson, Ken Fowler, James Zeeb, Ben Green, Clint Hornberger, Matt Breininger, Erica Henderson, Nicole Bettles, Joliene Lummis, Cameron White, John Knispel

Guests: Jerred Hammond, Pat Dunn, Rich Watson

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Affirmation of Quorum:

It was determined that a quorum did not exist/is met. 8 members are in attendance.

Chair Myers called the meeting to order at 10:04am

2. Public Forum:

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No requests received

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- 1.) No Agenda to approve
- 2.) Approval of Nov 14, 2024, DRAFT Minutes as presented.

Chair Myers called for a motion to adopt the Minutes as presented.

Dan Romine, Motioned

Mark Engholm, Seconded

Chair Myers called for a vote: it passed unanimously.

4. **Chair's Report:** No report
5. **Vice Chair's Report:** No plans to leave the commission. No other report.
6. **Director's Report:** See Director's Report in meeting packet.
 - a. Emily Zentner is leaving us, and we thank her for all of her hard work through the years.
7. **Financial Report:**
 - a. Review of mid-year budget as of 12/31/24
 - b. KU Support Funds will be spent by the end of the year.
 - c. Fire Officer, spent. \$20,000 from NFA historically, decision was made to use those funds for Leadership items.
 - d. We did not accept KDEM grant.
 - e. We may dip into carry forward next year for propane prop.

Chair Myers called for a motion to accept Mid-Year financials as presented.

Mike Roosevelt, Motioned

Justin Ducey, Second

Chair Myers called for a vote: it passed unanimously.

8. **Old Business:**
 1. Legislative Updates for FSTC appointments

- a. 2 names along with Pat Dunn have been sent for Community College Commission spot
2. Joint Facility on hold update – no new updates
3. Bachelors of Fire & Emergency Services update-no new updates
4. Bylaws
 - a. Mike presented documents and commented about items that need to have language changed. Article 7.2 change ending to 5.3. Add statement to the end of the article 5.3.

9. New Business

1. YLD Special Project Award
 - a. Jenn applied as a member of the KSAFC and was awarded
2. Grain Trailer
3. State Budget – fortunate to be fee funded. As of Monday, the legislature must cut \$700,000,000 from this year’s budget. Will be a battle to get any new items approved.
4. Legislation, watching for a good vehicle to statute language. House Bill 2372 may be our opportunity.
 - a. Mark Roosevelt thinks we need to come at it from all angles. Mark Engholm expressed that it is easier to get things like this through with an existing vehicle being working on.
 - b. Justin Ducey is behind Fire Marshal going forward with this with the caveat that it is noted that FEKE and

Brought forward a motion for Mark Engholm to submit the statute changes that have been made by Darin and the committee.

Justin Ducey, Motioned

Bonnie Johnson, Second

Chair Myers called for a vote: it passed unanimously

- c. Through HMEP Grant for HazMat Tech trailer
- d. Big training issue with NERIS, all fire departments will be in this system
- e. Sarah Jankey’s group (Vol Fire Service study) awarded for this study.

10. Future Agenda Items:

- ByLaw's update
- Legislative update

11. Adjournment:

- *Director Jenn Johnson reported the next meeting will be May 14, 2025, at 10:00am.*
- *Chair Myers called for a motion to adjourn.*
- *Jason Lankas, motioned.*
- *Bonnie Johnson, second*
- *Chair Myers adjourned the meeting at 11:30_am*

KFRTI State of the Institute – May 2025 (Director’s Report)

Introduction

As the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute (KFRTI) wraps up FY25, we reflect on our progress and look ahead with optimism. This report outlines our key achievements, staffing updates, program developments, partnerships, and strategic goals as we continue to elevate fire service training and education throughout Kansas.

Staff Changes

In March, we welcomed two new Administrative Associates:

- Josh Casey joined us from the KU Office of Study Abroad. His familiarity with KU’s financial systems has already proven to be a tremendous asset.
- Stacy Babb, formerly with KU Facilities, brings additional strength and experience to our team.

National Engagement

KFRTI continues to represent Kansas on the national stage through involvement with organizations such as IFSAC, NFPA, IFSTA, NAFTD, and ISFSI.

- In April, Assistant Director Ken Fowler, Certification Program Coordinator Erica Henderson, and Senior Administrative Associate Nicole Bettes attended the IFSAC Annual Conference in Orlando.
- Their contributions positioned us well for our IFSAC Reaccreditation Site Visit, scheduled for May 13–15.

Fire Schools and State Activities

- The Annual Fire School in Goodland (March 29–30) attracted 58 participants across eight courses, meeting expectations.
- The April Fire Forum, held again with the Wichita Fire Department, hosted 60 attendees, reinforcing the format’s continued popularity.
- KFRTI staff attended the KSFFA Conference in Hays, further strengthening our partnership with the Kansas State Fire Fighters Association.

- Our instructors actively participated in the Tech Rescue Conference at Crisis City (May 7–9), offering instruction and engaging with peers.
- Clint Hornberger and Erin McGruder attended FDIC, where Erin presented "Real-Life Training for Real-Life Tactics", earning national recognition.

Bachelor's Degree Initiative

KFRTI is collaborating with the KU School of Public Affairs to develop a Bachelor's Degree in Fire & Emergency Services Administration. This fully online program will enable students with an associate degree in fire science to complete an upper-division curriculum and graduate with a Bachelor of Arts from KU.

- Curriculum development is targeted to begin in Summer 2025.
- Updates will be shared as the initiative progresses.

Community Engagement and Program Development

- Our 4th Annual Camp Fury will be held June 9–13, 2025. This popular program continues to draw full participation from aspiring young women across the Kansas City metro.
- Despite ongoing discussions, plans for a joint-use facility to house our rolling stock—potentially in partnership with the State Fire Marshal and the University—remain delayed. While timelines are uncertain, our optimism remains.
- We are pleased to announce that KFRTI will host the North American Fire Training Directors Conference in 2027.
- Program Coordinators have begun working with KU's Center for Online and Distance Learning to enhance our online course offerings.

Looking Ahead

- Transition to the KITE platform for online testing is progressing well. Tablets have been procured, and we anticipate access to the test environment soon.
- Our office is receiving new card readers to improve security while facilitating instructor access after hours.
- Planning is underway for an office remodel, aimed at optimizing space to support our continued growth.

Upcoming Events

Camp Fury

June 9–13, 2025 (Camp is Full)

<https://www.enrole.com/kupce/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=FS25007F&courseId=CMPFRY24&categoryId=10015>

Organizational Priorities

KFRTI has identified the following priorities for the coming year:

1. Curriculum Updates
2. (Tie) Course Delivery & Events / Administrative Work
3. Certification & Accreditation
4. (Tie) Supervision & Professional Development / Props & Equipment
5. Professional Development
6. Marketing