

Kansas Fire Service Training Commission Meeting
St. Andrews Office Facility
February 18, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Attending Commission Members: Larry Pander, Eric Voss, Mike Roosevelt, Jack Taylor, Justin Ducey, Kevin Flory, Jim Modig, Darin Myers, Mark Neely (Via Zoom)

Absent Commission Members: Doug Jorgensen, Rick Mosher

Attending KULPE Staff: Kelly McCoy, Mark Thomas, Erin McGruder, Erica Henderson, Sharon Graham, Emily Zentner, Joe Clow, Joliene Lummis, Marissa Marshall, Jenn Johnson, Mark Billquist, Rusty Greene, Ben Green, Pattie Shay (Via Zoom)

Guests: Eamonn Burke, O2X Human Performance, Bill Doan (Via Zoom)

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

It was determined that a quorum existed. Nine (9) members present at 10:01am.

Chair Roosevelt called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

2. Public Forum: N/A

3. Consent Agenda:

- 1.) Approval of February 18, 2021 Agenda as presented

Approved as presented.

- 2.) Approval of December 3, 2020 DRAFT Minutes as written

There was discussion regarding the requested lack of detail compared to recent minutes. It was determined they are sufficient to meet reporting requirements.

Chair Roosevelt called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented.

Eric Voss, motioned.

Jack Taylor, seconded.

Chair Roosevelt called for a vote: it ***passed unanimously.***

4. **Chair's Report:** Want to thank everyone again for their participation and involvement in getting the Strategic Plan together. I would like to see us use subcommittee's more, and properly utilize them, going forward.
5. **Vice Chair's Report:** Looking forward to the Strategic Plan being a matter of record. Nothing else to report at this time.
6. **Director's Report:** See director's report
7. **Financial Report:** The mid-year financial report was presented by Emily Zentner. After minimal discussion it was approved as presented.

Chair Roosevelt called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented.

Justin Ducey, motioned.

Larry Pander, seconded.

Chair Roosevelt called for a vote: it ***passed unanimously.***

8. **Business:**

1) **OLD BUSINESS** – N/A

2) **NEW BUSINESS**

I. Additional use of sub-committees and proper utilization of them. (Mike Roosevelt)

It was determined that sub-committees will be used going forward.

II. Combining & Sharing resources (Doug Jorgensen)

Doug Jorgensen was unable to attend today's session so this was tabled for the next meeting.

III. Legislative Actions needed next year for funding. (Darin Myers)

Do something like KLETC has done with tag fees and support our fire service with some more revenue. Some to KFRTI, KSFFA, KSAFC, Police Chiefs, etc. Spread some training dollars around for the individual organizations that would help garner support to move forward with it. This wouldn't be to offset current revenue but to bring additional revenue to the fire service organizations. Kelly shared that he would be hesitant to ask tax payers for additional funding at this time, at least for our operation. Mark Neely echoed Kelly's thoughts. After seeing the proposed budget, almost everyone is taking a 3% to 15% drop in agency funding.

IV. O2X Regional Workshop – guest presentation, Eamonn Burke

Kelly introduced the program, his experience with it, the need for mental/emotional health and wellness within the fire service. The fee is \$60,000 for up to 50 students if brought to Kansas. The participation would be split between the regions in the state and the commission entities.

Eamonn Burke then explained that although they are Navy Seals, they found that this training was also very good for the fire serve community. Throughout the process they will work on strength & conditioning, nutrition, injury prevention, sleep, stress mgmt., resilience, post traumatic stress, the difference between post-traumatic stress and post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicide prevention. There is a vast array of pillars of performance that we teach in the class, but it is taught in a way that is very specific to the fire service. The take-away from the O2X Human Performance program is, "If the mind isn't right, and everything isn't right between the ears, typically the rest of the things you're supposed to be doing don't fall into place correctly."

Kelly shared that he would like to bring in a 4-day workshop prior to the end of the fiscal year. Chair Roosevelt asked if this was a beta-test, getting the 'right' 50 people in the room, then assuming the bulk of them have a good experience we can then continue to put this in the budget for more regional deliveries or is that too far down the road. Kelly stated he would see the first 50 folks in this as leaders. Folks that are going to be able to take this back to

their organizations and influence. He would also want them to be representative of our regions and different agencies in the state.

Kelly shared that Kevin Flory had to leave the meeting and asked that no decision be made as his agency does not support it. Mike Roosevelt determined we still had a quorum. No other questions were asked. Mike suggested a sub-committee be convened to discuss this opportunity. He appointed Mr. Kevin Flory since his constituents have concerns, he appointed himself, Eric Voss volunteered as he has questions about stuff we already have out in the state, and Kelly McCoy was appointed as a member of the KFRTI staff.

9. Future Agenda Items:

Justin Ducey shared the Strategic Plan with the Fire Marshall's Association of Kansas. Not a future agenda item, just trying to be transparent and he encourages everyone to do the same for your various groups.

Eric Voss shared that Kelly's been trying to get a program provider to give EMS CEU's. Kelly deferred to Ben Green who stated he's at the beginning of the process. Hoping to make it easier for everyone. Any assistance/input he can get from Eric would be greatly appreciated.

O2X Regional Workshop follow-up

Combining and Sharing Resources (Doug Jorgensen tabled item)

10. Adjournment:

- *Director Kelly McCoy reported the next meeting will be **May 20, 2021 at 10:00am.***
- *Chair Roosevelt called for a motion to adjourn.*
- *Justin Ducey, motioned.*
- *Darin Myers, seconded.*
- *Chair Roosevelt adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am.*