



CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS  
FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING **MINUTES**  
FEBRUARY 12, 2021 – 8:30 A.M.

**Present Fire Board of Appeals Board Members (5):**

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

**Industry Represented:**

Building  
Small Business  
Citizen At-Large  
Insurance  
Architecture

**Not Present (2):**

David Helmer  
Roger Wallace

**Industry Represented:**

Large Business  
Fire Suppression

**Present Fire Board of Appeals Secretaries:**

Brett Lacey, Fire Marshal

**Representing:**

Colorado Springs Fire Department

**Additional Attendee(s):**

Kris Cooper, Deputy Fire Marshal  
Katha Snow, Compliance Coordinator  
Frederick Stein, Senior Attorney  
Mark Trudell, Deputy Fire Marshal

**Representing:**

Colorado Springs Fire Department  
Colorado Springs Fire Department  
City of Colorado Springs  
Colorado Springs Fire Department

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Fire Marshal Lacey apologized for how poorly the previous two meetings went and for the very late submittals of meeting minutes. Staff is redirected now, and events of this nature will stop. Fire Marshal Lacey also apologized when explaining a portion of the information provided during last month's discussion on the Vyanet Operating Group, Inc. DBA Integrated Systems Fire Alarm Contractor A license application was not accurate. Fire Marshal Lacey reminded the board that a decision on Vyanet's license was tabled because sufficient proof of insurance coverage was not in the application packet. However, before voting to table the item, Colorado Springs Fire Department recommended the board approve the license based on the packet contains evidence of a contractor's license issued by the City of Brighton, and Brighton's insurance policy coverage requirements are identical to ours. Let it be known, Brighton's insurance requirements are not the same as ours. Fire Marshal Lacey explained the board should be able to have a high level of trust in the information Colorado Springs Fire Department provides and staff should be performing much more professionally. Apologies were profusely reiterate by Fire Marshal Lacey.

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. Technical difficulties prevented Chair Hewette from calling the meeting to order. Therefore, Vice Chair Honn assumes the role of chair. Acting Chair Honn calls the meeting to order at 8:38 A.M. and promptly conducts a roll call.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the meeting minutes.**

**Board Member Putnam seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance. (Colarelli, Honn, Hewett, and Riggs)**

At 8:41 A.M., Chair Hewett is now present and assumes the role of chair.

### **5. Contractor Licensing**

#### **A. Fire Alarm Contractor A**

##### **i. Business Name: Life-Safety Services LLC**

Owner: Slade Miller

Licensee: Slade Miller

RME: Slade Miller

Fire Marshal Lacey stated the applicant meets the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code licensing requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the application.**

**Board Member Wallace seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

##### **ii. Business Name: Vyanet Operating Group, Inc. (Tabled 01/13/2021) DBA Integrated Systems**

Officers: Tracey Jones, President

Tammy Jones, Secretary/Treasurer

Licensee: James Lee Arnold

RME: James Lee Arnold

Fire Marshal Lacey stated the applicant meets the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code licensing requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Putnam motioned to approve the application.**

**Board Member Colarelli seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **B. Fire Alarm Contractor B**

##### **i. Business Name: InterQuest Fire and Security LLC**

Owner: Nathaniel Castilla

Licensee: Nathaniel Castilla

RME: Nathaniel Castilla

Fire Marshal Lacey stated the applicant meets the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code licensing requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the application.  
Board Member Riggs seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Fire Suppression Contractor B**

- i. Business Name: Frontier Fire Protection**
  - Owner: John Bowman
  - Licensee: Otto Lau
  - RME 1: John Drost
  - RME 2: Otto Lau

Fire Marshal Lacey stated the applicant meets the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code licensing requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Putnam motioned to approve the application.  
Board Member Colarelli seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

**PRESENTATION**

- 1. Colorado Springs Fire Department Code Services and Investigations  
Presenter: Kris Cooper, Deputy Fire Marshal

Deputy Fire Marshal Cooper presented and answered questions on the Colorado Springs Fire Department Code Services section. (Included with these minutes is the presentation slideshow.)

**BUSINESS**

- 1. Updates  
Presenter: Fire Marshal Brett Lacey

- A. Burn Restriction Order  
The order remains in place and is reviewed weekly at a minimum.

Fire Marshal Lacey stated the city remains in burn restrictions. Fuel moisture levels remain low. The Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness team continues to meet weekly to discuss each area's fuels, resources, weather conditions, etc., to determine if the order should be lifted.

- B. COVID-19  
Cases of COVID-19 appear to be getting under control. The department is experiencing fewer employees testing positive, which helps with staffing and the

budget. Most of the department's designated Essential employees that wanted both doses of vaccinations have received them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Chair Hewett expressed problems with term limits and the need to replace the building contractor, fire suppression, insurance, and large business representatives on the board.

Mr. Colarelli explained he has encouraged people to submit applications for the building contractor position and anticipates this will happen soon.

Mr. Putnam also explained a representative of the insurance industry had submitted an application and should plan on attending April's meeting. Attorney Stein recommended Mr. Putnam remain in the position until an applicant is approved by City Council.

Mr. Honn stated he is discussing the fire suppression position with potential candidates.

Fire Marshal Lacey thanked the board for their continuous support with efforts in filling the positions.

## **ADJOURN**

**Board Member Putnam motioned for the meeting to adjourn.**

**Vice Chair Honn seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:22 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Brett T. Lacey  
Fire Marshal and Secretary to Fire Board of Appeals

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