


MINUTES
July 19, 2023
9:00 A.M.
Special Board Meeting-Zoom Video Conference
NDPISB

1. Chairman Mike Wetsch called the Zoom special meeting to order at 9:08 A.M. Board members present: Mike Wetsch, Steve Lundin, Justin Blinsky and Jason Nelson. Board members absent: Ernie Thurman and Randy Ziegler. Others present: Executive Director John J. Shorey III, Board Legal Counsel Chris Redmann, Paul Kromah, and Halima Yusuf.
2. Applicant Paul Kromah addressed the Board about his application. Paul commented that some of the information from 1979 was not him.
3. Applicant Halima Yusuf addressed the Board about her application. Halima commented that she hopes to get her license soon.
4. Christopher Bauer Application. Steve made a motion to approve the application. Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
5. Halima Yusuf Application. Steve made a motion to approve the application. Justin seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
6. Travis Hudson Application. Steve made a motion to approve the application. Justin seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
7. Paul Kromah Application. Steve made a motion to approve the application. Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
8. Minutes. Justin made a motion to approve the 2 sets of minutes (6-23-2022, 4-29-2022). Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
9. Armed First Responder in School or Ambulance or Firefighter Crew Training Program Update and Discussion. John stated on June 29th the applications were placed on the Board website. John stated on the same date he had also sent emails to individuals who had inquired about the program in the past.
10. Revamping of Current application forms and development of new application forms Update and Discussion. John stated that these went on the Board's website as well about June 29th and an email was also sent to license holders. John stated that he did get feedback from one license holder that they liked the changes.
11. 2023 Renewal Season Application Form and letter to license holders and agencies review and discussion. John stated he thought the Board should open up the renewal season now, and in the letter give them an update on the backlog, and that he provided Board members with a draft 2023 renewal application form. John stated he updated the fee structure and that the Board should not require a new photo be sent with renewal applications and to use photos that are on file. John also stated he talked with Chris about removing the witness signature on the renewal applications. John stated Chris didn't have an issue with that from a legal perspective. Steve made a motion to remove the witness signature and date from the 2023 renewal applications. Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. John stated getting the renewal applications in sooner would help the backlog, if there are any issues with incompleteness those can be addressed in advance of September 30, and he can also process the previous backlogged applications and process them all at one time. Steve made a motion to open the 2023 renewal season as soon as possible. John stated in the letter to license holders he will address the fee changes and wanted to provide an update on the backlog. John stated the

plan was to clear the backlog by the end of the year and opening the renewal season sooner will help that. John stated he had talked with Chris Redmann about this, but when he has been issuing the backlogged licenses, he has been issuing them with a moniker that they are backlogged. John stated a license holder brought up to him that he didn't care about getting the backlogged registrations, he only cared about the current registrations. John stated he wanted to bring up for discussion if the Board wanted to issue backlogged registration that are now expired, or if they just wanted to put something in the file that they were current during the backlogged period and only issue the incoming current registrations. Steve stated as a license holder he was fine with that. Steve suggested a letter come with the renewed 2023 registrations on individuals registered with the agency that were current during that backlogged period. Steve commented that John would still need to review previous backlogged renewal applications to make sure they were current before he issues the 2023 renewal registration. Justin stated he thought next year the Board should require new photos. Steve made a motion for the Board not to issue backlogged registrations, but to issue to the license holders letters outlining the individual was current during the backlogged periods for each year, and to only issue the current registrations. Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. John stated he was doing what he could with the backlog, with the goal of clearing it by the end of the year.

12. Justin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M.



Chairman

2/26/26

Date



NOPISB Executive Director

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