



CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS  
FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2023 – 8:30 A.M.

**Present Fire Board of Appeals Board Members (6):**

David Hewett, Chair  
Ron Honn, Vice Chair  
Vince Colarelli  
Mike Riggs (attended virtually)  
Jannic Ekornes  
Laurie Olsen (attended virtually)

**Industry Represented:**

Small Business  
Citizen At-Large  
Building  
Architecture  
Fire Suppression  
Insurance

**Not Present (0):**

**Industry Represented:**

**Vacant Position (1):**

**Industry Represented:**

Large Business

**Present Fire Board of Appeals Secretary**

Brett T. Lacy, Fire Marshal

**Representing:**

Colorado Springs Fire Department

**Additional Attendee(s):**

Connie Manning, Compliance Coordinator  
Mellisa Wutzke, Administrative Assistant Senior  
Captain Richard Valdez, Deputy Fire Marshal

**Representing:**

Colorado Springs Fire Department  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

1. **Board Chair Hewett called the meeting to order at 8:31 A.M. and promptly conducted a roll call.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the meeting minutes.  
Board Member Ekornes seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Contractor Licensing**

**A. Fire Alarm Contractor A**

- i. **Business Name:** Bronco Fire Alarm Systems, Inc.  
**Applicant:** Damian Borja  
**RME:** Damian Borja

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

Board Member Riggs inquired about the expiration date of the NICET as it was not included in the application.

Administrative Assistant, Mellisa Wutzke, stated they (Pikes Peak Regional Building Licensing) do not track the expiration date in the application process, but she has a copy and the NICET expires on September 1, 2023.

**Board Member Ekornes motioned to approve the application.  
Vice Chair Honn seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

- ii. **Business Name:** Impact Fire Services, LLC  
**Applicant:** Robert Hoenes  
**RME:** Robert Hoenes

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

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

- iii. **Business Name:** Reliance Electric, Inc.  
**Applicant:** Rulon Musser  
**RME:** Rulon Musser

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

This application was not included in the packet that was sent to the board members. Administrative Assistant Mellisa Wutzke provided a copy for the members present to review. (Board members were emailed a copy during this meeting.)

**Board Member Ekornes motioned to approve the application.  
Vice Chair Honn seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

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

- i. **Business Name:** T&T Electric Co., Inc.  
**Applicant:** Wade Lisac  
**RME:** Wade Lisac

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

**Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the application.  
Vice Chair Honn seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **C. Fire Suppression Contractor A**

- i. **Business Name:** Matrix Fire Protection, Inc.  
**Applicant:** Kyle Love  
**RME:** Kyle Love

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval

**Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the application.  
Vice Chair Honn seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

ii. **Business Name:** Impact Fire Services, LLC  
**Applicant:** William Tisdale  
**RME:** William Tisdale

Fire Marshal Lacey stated applicant does not meet the requirements and does not recommend approval.

Administrative Assistant Mellisa Wutzke stated that after a secondary review of the application, the NICET does not say water base system layout design, therefore, the applicant does not qualify for the contractor license approval. She will reach out to the contractor today to obtain the appropriate NICET.

Chair Hewitt asked if the applicant will be able to re-apply and come before the Fire Board of Appeals (FBA) again.

Administrative Assistant Melissa Wutzke stated if the contractor can provide documentation that someone at the company has the water base system layout design, this application can come before this board again.

Board Member Colarelli stated he has worked with this company on several projects and believes this is a clerical error and recommended tabling the application until the staff is able to talk to the applicant instead of denying it.

Fire Marshal Lacey stated that a vote is required by the board members and disapproving the application now does table it until the next meeting where the board members will vote again. If there are extenuating circumstances for this contractor, as the Fire Code Official, he will provide a letter for temporary approval pending the next FBA meeting.

Chair Hewett clarified that the board's action is to disapprove.

Fire Marshal Lacey responded that is his recommendation as the documents submitted do not provide code compliance.

**Vice Chair Honn motioned to disapprove the application due to licensing.  
Board Member Riggs seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

## **BUSINESS**

1. Fire Code Update  
Presenter: Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal, Colorado Springs Fire Department

Fire Marshal Lacey provided an update on the Fire Code Adoption. There was a staff report presentation before the City Council on Monday, February 27, 2023, of the proposed fire code changes. The first reading will be formally presented before City Council Tuesday, March 14, 2023, and he invited the board members to attend. The second reading will be two weeks after March 14<sup>th</sup> at which point it becomes an

ordinance. This is on the consent calendar and should not have any issues proceeding.

2. Accreditation Update

Presenter: Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal, Colorado Springs Fire Department

Fire Marshal Lacey provided an update on the accreditation of the Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD). A commissioner did inquire about the CSFD's dilemma of performing 4000 building inspections out of approximately 24,000 buildings per year. This is a staffing and resource issue and the CSFD is asking for more resources in the next budget year. The CSFD did receive the accreditation.

Chair Hewett congratulated the CSFD's effort.

Chair Hewett asked if there were any other discussion from the board.

Board Member Colarelli asked the staff if there were agencies that get together to discuss wildland firefighting.

Fire Marshal Lacey stated there are several groups and the CSFD is currently involved with many of them. He feels the CSFD is a leader in the work that is being done in the wildland urban interface (WUI) and other agencies reach out to the CSFD for guidance. There is legislation currently being drafted at the state level which the CSFD is providing feedback.

Board Member Colarelli thanked Fire Marshal Lacey for the information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**ADJOURN**

**Board Member Colarelli motioned to adjourn.  
Board Member Ekornes seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:54 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted by,



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

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