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EVMS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes 5 May 2026

Participants:

EVMS Board Members Present:

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair
Chief John McDonald, Treasurer
Chief Ashanti Gray, Secretary
Chief Kevin Hardwick, Director at Large
Chief Richard Riley, Eastern Division Representative
Mr. Scott Beecher, Ex-Officio FAMA Representative
Chief Philip Thorburn, Director, Canadian Division Representative

EVMS Board Members Not Present:

Chief Eric Pelletier, Vice Chair
Chief Harold McDonald, Director, Southwestern Division Representative

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief Jim Wamsley
Chief Ed Rice
Chief Greg Ward
Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison

Call to Order

Chief Shivers chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 13:03 hours ET.

Chief Shivers welcomed all in attendance.

MOTION: 5 May 2026-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the 25 March 2026 Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Gray/Hardwick

Chair Report

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair

Chief Shivers and Scott Beecher briefed the Board on the Large Emergency Vehicle Supply and Demand White Paper project. The white paper was completed and submitted to the IAFC for editing and will be forwarded to the IAFC Board for distribution approval.

Vice Chair Report

No Vice Chair report.

Treasurer Report

Chief John McDonald

Chief J McDonald informed the Board that there have been no substantial expenses since the beginning of the budget year.

Chief McDonald and Chief Shivers will be providing direction for FRI Annual Meeting travel costs based on section budget limits.

Chief Shivers will be surveying Board members for the FRI hotel room block.

Secretary Report

Chief Ashanti Gray

Chief Gray made an update to the section Board website and requested all Board members to confirm the accuracy of their Meet the Board information.

IAFC Board Advocate

Chief Jim Wamsley

Chief Wamsley informed the Board that the CEO Black is finishing her first two months of duty. The Board has a meeting scheduled two weeks from now.

2026 Board Nomination Committee

Chief Kevin Hardwick

Chief Hardwick reported that there is one candidate for each open position in the 2026 election. Therefore, the candidates are unopposed, and they will gain their position by acclamation. No 2026 ballot is needed.

Old Business

FRI Presentation Proposals – Notifications have not completely been distributed for FRI presentations.

Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiatives Project – Chief Hardwick informed the Board that he is still waiting for a reply from USFA. He will begin revising the version that was submitted to the USFA.

New Business.

The Board took action to fill vacant Board positions due to retirements.

MOTION: 5 May 2026-01

Motion made and seconded to appoint Chief Greg Ward to fill the vacant Missouri Valley Division director seat to complete the current term of office. Motion carried.

Gray/Hardwick

MOTION: 5 May 2026-01

Motion made and seconded to appoint Chief Kevin Hardwick to fill the vacant Great Lakes Division director seat to complete the current term of office. Motion carried.

Gray/Hardwick

MOTION: 5 May 2026-01

Motion made and seconded to appoint Chief Edward Rice to fill the vacant At-Large director seat to complete the current term of office. Motion carried.

Hardwick/Hardwick

Oath of Office

Chief Jim Wamsley

Chief Greg Ward, Chief Kevin Hardwick and Chief Edward Rice took the Oath of Office presided by Chief Jim Wamsley, EVMS Board Advocate.

Good of the Order

Motion for adjournment approved.

The meeting ended at 13:45 hrs ET

Minutes submitted by:

Chief Ashanti Gray
EVMS Secretary

Chief Jason Shivers

EVMS Chair