

Fall Advisory Meeting 2025: Fire Technology

Teams Meeting December 17th, 2025, 1100

Attendees

Jeff Boushee

Paul Hanson

Charles Marcott

Shane Heldstab

Brad Banyai

Joseph Dewey

Ben Rogers

We reviewed the last meeting minutes.

Enrollment- Information was given to the board about having 100% return of first year students to second year students. Also, the numbers of current first year students were presented to the board.

The board reviewed survey analysis from Katelyn Tamaalii. Overall, the numbers seem to be increasing at this time. The board also discussed allowing PSEO students to apply for the Fire Technology Program. The board supported having PSEO students as long as room was available in the program.

Training Grounds

Update on the two projects for our program is the burn building and the training building. Currently, the welding program is continuing with the project after last year. The tentative completion is April 2026. The training building has a shell completed, and the interior walls are in place. We are working on getting the inside of the building completed with steel. The steel project was quoted around \$9,000. This might be completed over two years.

Program

The board given information on HLC coming in the spring of 2026 and the three-year review which will need to be completed for the fiscal year of 2027. The program has received positive feedback on program advertising during the Career Expo and T-4. The board was advised that the Fire Technology program moved from the Health and Human Services to the Trades division. The board supported being in the Trades Division at this time. Adding

additional ProBoard Exams were approved by the board. There will need to be communications with the State of Minnesota Certification Board to see if we can bring in Instructor I and Fire Apparatus Operator for students to have the ability to get accredited in these courses.

Staff

A review of the current staff for the Fire Technology program. The biggest change is Chris Carlson resigning and the addition of Ethan Mushitz as an instructor.

Equipment

Currently the program is looking to obtain new fire hose and SCBAs.

The board unanimously supported the need for the new technology with Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Scott SCBAs has new integrated technology for better communication, which would lead to safer and more efficient communications during training. Lack of communication/poor communication is a common problem during Line of Duty Deaths (LODD). There is also the possibility of grants from Fire House Subs. Discussion was also had about possibly getting donated turnout gear and SCBAs from Grand Forks Fire Department within the next year.

Meeting adjourned.