

Meeting Minutes
INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE ACCREDITATION CONGRESS
DEGREE ASSEMBLY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Wednesday, October 29, 2025
Hyatt Regency, Lexington, Kentucky USA

Marc Rudder calls the regular scheduled Fall Meeting of the Degree Assembly Board of Governors to order at 10:47 AM local time on October 29, 2025.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Marc Rudder, Richard Carroll, Terri Wilkin, Joel Davis, Jeffrey Lindsey, Lee Ennis

Board Members Absent: E. Rob Freese, Darrin Raskopf, Paula Simone, Dennis Ragins, and Bill Klein (Public Board Member)

Minutes of the DABOG 2025 Spring Meeting

Motion: Motion by Terri Wilkin to approve the DABOG 2025 Spring Meeting minutes. Second. Motion carried.

Review of Agenda

Marc Rudder reviewed the agenda.

Committee Reports — Degree Assembly Committees

Degree Assembly Planning Coordination Committee

Terri Wilkin reported for the DA Planning Coordination Committee:

- The Committee discussed work assignments for the Policy and Procedures Task Group. The group has proposed changes to the program evaluation information and procedures, which will be reformatted by administration and submitted by the 2026 Spring Meeting.

Motion: Motion by Richard Carroll to accept the Degree Assembly Planning Coordination Committee's report. Second. Motion carried.

New Member Applications/Membership Withdrawals

Membership Withdrawals:

- University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh
- Southern Illinois University – Carbondale

DA Institution Status Report

Callie Mars reviewed the DA Institution Status Report.

The following programs are due for or requested an accreditation or reaccreditation site visit by October 2026.

- Bucks County Community College due by December 9, 2025

- University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh due by April 17, 2026
- Arab Fire Safety & Security Academy due by April 22, 2026
- Ozarks Technical Community College due by April 29, 2026
- Aims Community College due by April 29, 2026
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University due by April 29, 2026
- Macomb Community College due by April 29, 2026

The following programs are in process of scheduling initial accreditation site visits.

- Kansas City Kansas Community College

The following entities have been granted an extension:

- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
- Bucks County Community College

The following entities are requesting an extension:

- Bucks County Community College was due for originally scheduled for accreditation on June 9, 2025. Following a previously approved six-month extension to December 9, 2025, the entity now requests an additional six-month extension, extending the due date to June 9, 2026.

Motion: Motion by Terri Wilkin to approve an extension until June 9, 2026. Second. Motion carried.

Site Visit Reports – Accreditation/Reaccreditations

Purdue University Global

The site visit for Purdue University Global was conducted July 22-23, 2025. The evaluation team consisted of Paula Simone (leader), William Thompson (member), Randy Villines (reader). The evaluation team recommends accreditation for Purdue University Global degree program(s) - Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science, Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management, Bachelor of Science in Fire Science, and Masters of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Motion: Motion by Richard Carroll to accept the evaluation team's report and approve the Purdue University Global degree program(s) for accreditation. Second. Motion carried.

Blinn College

The site visit for Blinn College was conducted September 16-18, 2025. The evaluation team consisted of Casey Hall (leader), Lee Ennis (member), Joel Davis (member), Richard Carroll (reader), and Stephen Best (reader). The evaluation team recommends initial accreditation for Blinn College degree program(s) - Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Fire Safety and Health, and Fire Science Technology Academic Certificate.

Motion: Motion by Joel Davis to accept the evaluation team's report and approve the Blinn College degree program(s) for initial accreditation. Second. Motion carried.

Utah Valley University

The site visit for Utah Valley University was conducted September 30-October 1, 2025. The evaluation team consisted of Josh Crisp (leader), Bill Klein (member), and Jeffrey Lindsey (reader). The evaluation team recommends accreditation for Utah Valley University degree program(s) – Emergency Management & Homeland Security Administration Graduate Certificate, Firefighter Recruit Candidate Academy Undergraduate Certificate, Associate of Science in Emergency Services, Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Services Operations, Paramedic Undergraduate Certificate, Emergency Management Undergraduate Certificate, Bachelor of Science in Emergency Services Administration, Minor in Homeland Security, Associate of Applied Science in Wildland Fire Management, and Emergency Services Supervision Undergraduate Certificate. The evaluation team recommends conditional accreditation for Utah Valley University's degree program - Bachelor of Applied Science in Emergency Services Supervision.

Motion: Motion by Richard Carroll to accept the evaluation team's report and approve the Utah Valley University's degree program(s) for accreditation and conditional accreditation as recommended by the evaluation team. Second. Motion carried.

Substantive Program Changes

None.

Policies/procedures – proposed amendments or new

None.

Nominations for Emeritus Status

None.

Emerging Trends and Innovation

Discussion was held regarding the trend toward lowering bachelor's degree requirements to 90 credit hours, AI in higher education, and inviting potential members to the 2026 Spring Meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Marc Rudder announced the time and location for the Congress meeting.

Adjourn

Motion: Motion by Terri Wilkin to adjourn. Second. Motion carried. The Degree Assembly Board of Governors adjourned at 11:34 AM local time, Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Attendees – IFSAC Degree Assembly Board of Governors (DABOG) 2025 Fall Meeting

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Note: This list only includes individuals who scanned the QR code, confirming attendance.

Attendee	Entity/Institution
Carroll, Richard	Cleveland College
Davis, Joel	Guilford Technical Community College
Ennis, Lee	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
Hall, Casey	Kentucky Community & Technical College System
Lindsey, Jeffrey	University of Florida
Loyd, Jason	Blinn College
McCarthy, Kevin	Utah Valley University
Rudder, Marc	Kentucky Community & Technical College System/Kentucky Fire Commission
Thompson, William	Gaston College
Trubenstein, Michelle	Blinn College
Villines, Randy	Ozarks Technical Community College
Warren, William	Gaston College
Wilkin, Terri	American Public University System