

**LOG OF MEETING  
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting of the ASTM F589 Non-Powder Guns Subcommittee

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 23, 2020

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Virtual (teleconference)

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Jill Hurley (ESHF)

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Jill Hurley (ESHF), Matthew Brookman (LSM)

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Contact ASTM for a full list.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

This was a meeting of the ASTM F15.06 subcommittee, led by the chair, Edward Schultz and secretary, Mike Lukas. The focus was to discuss the negative ballots resulting from the F15.06 (19-01) ending on June 9, 2019. The proposal requested that a bright green marking band be added to the front of muzzles on all non-powdered guns.

The group discussed one negative ballot at great length, reviewing different perspectives associated with adding colored markings to these types of guns, including potential confusion to both the general public and law-enforcement. This negative highlighted concern that adding colored markings to non-powder guns may result in these devices looking non-threatening and resemble toys. Many comments were made that these devices are more similar to real firearms than toys because they can inflict serious injury and cause death.

The negative ballot was determined to be persuasive and will go back to task group for additional discussion. The subcommittee requested additional information regarding the lethality and injury related to the perception of non-powder devices as a firearm and the perception of the device as a toy.

The next meeting will be held in Boston during the May 11-14 ASTM Committee week.