

# **TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION**

April 17, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

William B. Travis Bldg. 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas

1. Roll call --- 9:00 a.m.
2. Adoption of the January 10, 2008 Commission meeting minutes.
3. The Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees will meet on April 17, 2008, during the commission meeting and may develop recommendations to be presented to the full commission including but not limited to, modifications to the agency operating budget and strategic plan. The subcommittees may meet separately or together.
4. Report from the Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees with discussion and possible action relating to any recommendations developed by these subcommittees.
5. Reports from fire service interest groups and agencies on matters relating to organizational purposes, functions, and objectives, including, but not limited to, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the Texas Association of Fire Educators, the Texas Forest Service, the National Fire Protection Association, and the State Fire Marshal's Office.
6. Discussion and possible action concerning reports by the Commission representative to the Texas Fire School Advisory Board and by representatives of the Texas Engineering Extension Service ("TEEX") regarding fire protection training provided by TEEX through its Emergency Services Training Institute.
7. New matters from the commission, staff, or public regarding rulemaking which may be discussed in future Commission meetings.
8. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates.
9. Matters referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee "FFAC", including but not limited to:
  - A. Discussion and possible final adoption on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals, and rule reviews as follows:
    1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 423, Fire Suppression, including, but not limited to §423.203 and §423.303.
    2. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 449, Head of a Fire Department, including, but not limited to §449.1.
  - B. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals, and rule reviews as follows:
    1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 429, Fire Inspectors, including, but not limited to §429.3(b) and §429.203(b).
    2. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC regarding Chapter 431, Fire Investigation, including, but not limited to §431.3(b) and §431.203(b).
    3. Proposed amendments 37 TAC regarding Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety, including, but not limited to §435.3-(3)(6).
    4. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC regarding Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification, including, but not limited to §439.15(b) and §439.17(a)(2).
  - C. Discussion and possible action on recommendations from the Curriculum and Testing Committee.

- 10. Matters referred from the Funds Allocation Advisory Committee (“FAAC”), including but not limited to:**
  - A. Discussion and possible action on recommendations for funding from the FAAC.**
  - B. Discussion and possible action on the interest rate to be used for loans under the Fire Department Emergency Program.**
  - C. Discussion and possible action on recommendations for possible changes to the rules of the Fire Department Emergency Program as follows:**
    - a. Chapter 461, General Administration**
    - b. Chapter 463, Application Criteria**
    - c. Chapter 465, Equipment, Facilities and Training Standards**
- 11. Discussion and possible action on amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 421, Standards for Certification, including, but not limited to §421.5(36).**
- 12. Update from standards division director on matters relating to the activities of the following committees: International Fire Service Accreditation Congress, Respiratory Protection and Personal Alarm Equipment Committee, Fire Service Occupational Safety Committee, NFPA 1971 Technical Committee, and NFPA Technical Correlating Committee on Fire and Emergency Services Protective Clothing and Equipment.**
- 13. Discussion and possible action on matters from the Executive Director.**
  - A. Report on decisions of the Executive Director in contested cases and consent orders.**
  - B. Status of division functions.**
- 14. Executive session pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.074, for the discussion of personnel matters: the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Director, and the appointment, employment, reassignment, or duties of personnel acting on an interim basis.**
- 15. Open session for further discussion and possible action regarding preceding agenda item.**
- 16. Adjourn meeting.**