

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Kelley Stalder, at 9:15 a.m. called the October 16, 2008 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

Attending	David Abernathy Chris Connealy Arthur Pertile, III**	Les Bunte Yusuf Farran** John Riddle*	Jane Burch Jody Gonzalez Kelley Stalder	Elroy Carson John Gillette** Kent Worley	
					*absent entire meeting **absent part of meeting

Staff	Gary L. Warren, Sr. Ana Muñoz Jim Crowson, Assistant Attorney General	Jake Soteriou Miles Skipper	Deborah Cowan Dianne Hudson Amanda Ellis, Assistant Attorney General
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Guests	Ken Dozier John Knell Cliff Gallarneau Paul Maldonado Mike Jones	Jim Reidy Chris Barron Ron Bove Jim Gaston Johnny Villarreal	Jessie Gentry Harry Simms Holly Blake Doug Kendrick Sara Haines	Mike Hunt Cy Long Mike Higgins Richard Strange	Wyatt Oakley Ted Trigg Bruce Teele Cary Roccaforte
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| 1. Roll call | Secretary, David Abernathy called roll and 11 of 12 commissioners were present. |
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| 2. Election of Assistant Presiding Officer | A motion to appoint Chris Connealy as the new Assistant Presiding Officer was made by Kent Worley and seconded by David Abernathy. The motion carried. |
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| 3. Adoption of Minutes | A motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2008 commission meeting was made by Yusuf Farran and seconded by Elroy Carson. The motion carried. |
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| 4. Subcommittee Meetings | The Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees met jointly to review the agency's operating budget and Strategic Plan. |
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| 5. Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee Reports | No action necessary. |
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| 6. Reports from Fire Service Interest Groups | Brief reports were given by the State Fire Marshal's Office, the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, Texas Fire Chief's Association and the Texas Forest Service. |
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| 7. Report from Fire Service School Advisory Board & TEEEX | Commission representative, Michael Hunt gave a brief update on activities since last meeting. |
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| 8. New Matters | Develop new incident command system for smaller departments. |
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9. Future Meeting Dates Next meeting already scheduled for January 29, 2009. A motion to set April 22, 2009 as a meeting date was made by David Abernathy and seconded by Yusuf Farran. The motion carried.
- Item re-opened for further discussion. After discussion, the April meeting date was changed from April 22, 2009 to April 30, 2009.
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10. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
- A. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 425, §§425.3, 425.5, 425.7, and 425.11 as discussed was made by Chris Connealy and seconded by Kent Worley. The motion carried.
 - B.
 - 1. A motion to approve for publication the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 421, §421.5 as discussed was made by Les Bunte and seconded by John Gillette. The motion carried.
 - 2. A motion to approve for publication the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 435, §435.1 with changes as discussed was made by Elroy Carson and seconded by Arthur Pertile, III. The motion carried.
 - 3. A motion to not approve for publication the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 445, §445.9 as discussed was made by David Abernathy and seconded by Elroy Carson. The motion carried.
 - C. No action necessary.
 - D. Larry Whitis gave a brief report on issues the committee is working on. No action necessary.
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11. Discontinuance of wallet-size certification cards A motion to immediately discontinue printing of wallet-size certification cards was made by Kent Worley and seconded by Les Bunte. The motion carried.
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12. Matters from Funds Allocation Committee
- A. A motion to approve the recommendation of awards as presented by the Funds Allocation Advisory Committee as discussed was made by John Gillette and seconded by Yusuf Farran. The motion carried.
 - B. No action necessary. Interest rate to continue at 2.5%.
 - C.
 - 1. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 461, §461.4 as discussed was made by John Gillette and seconded by Arthur Pertile, III. The motion carried.
 - 2. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 463, §463.2, 463.3, and 463.4 as discussed was made by Arthur Pertile, III and seconded by Elroy Carson. The motion carried.
 - 3. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 465, §465.1 as discussed was made by David Abernathy and seconded by John Gillette. The motion carried.
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13. Staff update on Committee Activities Miles Skipper gave a brief update on the NFPA Standards adopted by the commission. Mollie Clakley gave a brief report on the IFSAC committee meeting held in Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Warren presented the plaque received from IFSAC on the agency's re-certification.

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14. Matters from Executive Director
- a. Mr. Warren informed commissioners there were no consent orders during the last quarter.
 - b. Mr. Warren gave a brief update on agency activities since the July 2008 commission meeting. He reminded commissioners that the Sunset Commission would be making their decision regarding the agency at the December 16th hearing. He also reported the agency had submitted additional information to the Texas Facilities Commission regarding acquisition of additional agency space. He also informed them he had attended the 2008 Legislative Conference on October 7th and gave a brief overview of the conference.
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15. Executive Session
- Presiding Officer, Kelley Stalder, did not call the Executive Session.
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16. Open Session
- No action necessary.
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17. Adjournment
- Presiding Officer Kelley Stalder adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Kelley Stalder, Presiding Officer