

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

October 16, 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. Discussion and possible action on the election of a new Assistant Presiding Officer.
3. Adoption of the July 10, 2008 Commission meeting minutes.
4. The Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees will meet on October 16, 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.
5. Report from the Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees with discussion and possible action relating to any recommendations developed by these subcommittees.
6. 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.
7. 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 (ESTI).
8. New matters from the commission, staff, or public regarding rulemaking which may be discussed in future Commission meetings.
9. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates.
10. 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:

Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 425, Fire Service Instructors, including, but not limited to §§425.3, 425.5, 425.7, and 425.11.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals, and rule reviews as follows:
 1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 421, Standards for Certification, including, but not limited to §421.5.
 2. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety, including, but not limited to §435.1.
 3. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 445, Administrative Inspections and Penalties, including, but not limited to §445.9.
 - C. Discussion and possible action on recommendations concerning the providing of input to the NFPA Standard revision process.
 - D. Discussion and possible action on recommendations from the Curriculum and Testing Committee.
11. Discussion and possible action on the discontinuance of annually issuing wallet-sized certification cards upon renewal of certification(s).

12. 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 final adoption on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals, and rule reviews as follows:
 1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 461, General Administration, including, but not limited to §461.4.
 2. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Application Criteria, including, but not limited to §§463.2, 463.3, and 463.4.
 3. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 465, Equipment, Facilities and Training Standards, including, but not limited to §465.1.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Open session for further discussion and possible action regarding preceding agenda item.
17. Adjourn meeting.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection may go into executive session on any agenda item if authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.