

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

January 29, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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

1. Roll call and welcoming of new commissioners---9:30 a.m.
2. Discussion and possible action on election of new officers.
3. Adoption of the October 16, 2008 Commission meeting minutes.
4. The Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees will meet on January 29, 2009, 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:
 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.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on recommendations from the Curriculum and Testing Committee.
11. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of a new commission representative to the Texas Homeland Security Council.
12. Discussion and possible approval of the addition of classes or courses to the A List and B List for higher levels of certification.
13. Discussion and possible action on the review of appointments (and appointees) to the fire fighter advisory committee.
14. Discussion and possible action on the development of on-line testing.
15. 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.

- 16. 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.**
- 17. Discussion and possible action on the report from the State Auditor's Office regarding its Classification Study of Exempt Positions.**
- 18. 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.**
- 19. Open session for further discussion and possible action regarding preceding agenda item.**
- 20. 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.