

2. Adoption of the August 1, 2011 Commission meeting minutes.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Chris Connealy, at 10:00 a.m. called the August 1, 2011 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

Attending	Les Bunte Carl Giles Arthur Pertile, III**	Elroy Carson John Gillette** Leonardo Perez	Chris Connealy Jody Gonzalez Steve Tull	Tony Cortes John Green	Yusuf Farran John McMakin
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*absent entire meeting
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Staff	Gary L. Warren, Sr. Joe Thrash, Assistant Attorney General	Deborah Cowan	Jake Soteriou	Don Wilson
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Guests	Mike Hunt Mike Jones Betty Wilkes	Mike Richardson Ken Dozier Scott Korwood	Miles Skipper Amado Cano Thayer Smith	James Bradshaw Hector Bennett	Mike Higgins Jerry Doyle	Steve Landin Jason Collier
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1. Roll call Presiding Officer, Chris Connealy called roll and 12 of 13 commissioners were present.

 2. Adoption of Minutes A motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011 and May 27, 2011 commission meeting was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Leonard Perez. The motion carried.

 3. Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting The subcommittees met together to review the agency's current budget and performance measures.

 4. Subcommittee Reports After discussion there was no action necessary.

 5. Reports from Fire Service Interest Groups Brief reports were given by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters and the Texas Chief's Association.

 6. Report from Fire Service School Advisory Board & TEEX Commission representative, Michael Hunt gave a brief report on the activities of the board.

 7. New Matters Nothing presented.

 8. Future Meeting Dates A meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
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9. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
- A. 1. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 427, §427.1, and §427.201 as discussed was made by Les Bunte and seconded by John Gillette. The motion carried.
 - 2. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed repeal of 37 TAC, Chapter 429, Subchapter A, Minimum Standards for Fire Inspectors Certification, §§429.1, 429.3, 429.5, 429.7, 429.9, and 429.11 as discussed was made by Elroy Carson and seconded by Steve Tull. The motion carried.
 - 3. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 437, §437.3, 437.5, 437.7, and 437.13 as discussed was made by Elroy Carson and seconded by John Green. The motion carried (9 for, 4 against)
 - B. 1. A motion to send Chapter 429, Minimum Standards for Fire Inspectors, Subchapter B, Minimum Standards for Fire Inspector Certification back to the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee for further review as discussed was made by Jody Gonzalez and seconded by John Gillette. The motion carried.
 - 2. A motion to approve for publication the proposed amendment to 37 TAC, Chapter 435, §435.1, and new §435.27 as discussed was made by Jody Gonzalez and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
 - C. A motion to approve the recommended changes to the Basic Aircraft Rescue Fire Suppression Curriculum and reference lists with an effective date of January 1, 2012 as discussed was made by Tony Cortes and seconded by Yusuf Farran. The motion carried.
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10. 37 TAC, Chapter 439
- A motion to approve for publication the proposed amendment to 37 TAC, Chapter 439 new §439.13 as discussed was made by Carl Giles and seconded by Tony Cortes. The motion carried.
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11. IFSAC Seals
- After discussion no action taken.
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12. Matters from Executive Director
- a. Mr. Warren informed commissioners the agency had no contested cases or consent orders.
 - b. Mr. Warren provided the commissioners with an update on the agency's space issue. He informed the commissioners that the agency had acquired additional space on the first floor of the WBT building adjacent to its current space and all employees are now housed on the first floor. The agency's new employee, Kyle Park, Network Specialist was introduced. Mr. Warren also reiterated to the commissioners of his intent to retire effective August 31, 2011.
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13. Executive Session
- Presiding Officer, Chris Connealy called the Executive Session at 1:53 p.m.
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14. Open
Session

The Presiding Officer reopened the public meeting at 4:41 p.m.

A motion was made to appoint John "Jake" Soteriou as the Interim Executive Director of the agency effective September 1, 2011 for a period not to exceed six months and to increase Mr. Soteriou's pay to \$92,600 annually which is the maximum allowed by the General Appropriations Act for that position was made by Leonardo Perez and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.

A motion was made to allow staff to post the position of executive director with the changes as discussed beginning August 3, 2011 until filled was made by Steve Tull and seconded by John Gillette. The motion carried.

15. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by John McMakin and seconded by Tony Cortes. The motion carried.

Chris Connealy, Presiding Officer