

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull, at 10:00 a.m. called the August 7, 2014 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

Attending	Elroy Carson*	Pat Ekiss	Yusuf Farran*	Carl Giles	John Gillette
	Joseph Gonzalez	John Green*	John McMakin	Robert Moore	Leonardo Perez
	Ronald Poynter	Steve Tull			
					*absent entire meeting
					**absent part of meeting

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Staff	Tim Rutland	Deborah Cowan	Paul Maldonado	Mollie Clakley	Lisa Gonzalez
	Andrew Lutostanski, Assistant Attorney General				

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Guests	Rick Coleman	Neal Howard	Richard Hill	Cary Roccaforte	Robert Havens
	Wendell Burton	Jessie Gentry	Randal Rhodes	Travis Walden	Jake Reynolds
	David Zacherl	Mark Lee	Rogelio Esparza	Jeffrey Hevey	Mike Pool
	Don Smith	Brian Riley	Landon Smith	Ryan Dockery	Lauren Johnson
	Ronald Tocci	Tim Birdwell	Thomas McMongle	Lynn Bizzell	Reginald Cooper
	Jim Simmons	Brian Griffeth	Tommy Prevost	Derrick Nail	Jason Collier
	Leonard Chan	Ken Dozier	Kirk Turner	Betty Wilkes	Levi Clements
	Justin Parker	Wayne Cooley	Randy Smith	Randy Safer	Derek Wrenn
	Michael Wehman	Donnie Norman	Mike Wisko	Jerry Horton	

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| 1. Roll call | John Gillette, Secretary called roll and a quorum was present. |
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| 2. Adoption of Minutes | A motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 and April 24, 2014 commission meetings was made by John McMakin and seconded by Leonardo Perez. The motion carried. |
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| 3. Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting | The subcommittees met together to review the agency's budget and performance measures. |
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| 4. Subcommittee Reports | No action taken. |
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| 5. Reports from Fire Service | Brief reports were given by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, Texas Fire Chiefs Association, and the National Fire Protection Association. |
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| 6. Report from Fire Service School Advisory Board & TEEEX | Commission representative Michael Hunt was unable to attend meeting. Commissioner Moore gave a brief update on the committees actions since the last commission meeting. |
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7. Report on Homeland Security Council      Commission Representative, Joseph Gonzalez, informed commissioners the committee met on July 8, 2014 with discussion on updating the Homeland Security Strategic Plan. Discussion also on Texas border issues and power grid issues across the state.
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8. New Matters      None identified
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9. Future meeting dates      The commission scheduled its next meeting for October 16, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
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10. NFPA 1851 Standard      Chief Jessie Gentry, DFW provided a copy of NFPA's response to his request for a formal interpretation and made a presentation regarding the type of protective clothing provided to fire protection personnel assigned to airports. The commission asked that a work group be formed to review the latest adopted standard and report back at a subsequent commission meeting.
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11. Gift acceptance      A motion was made by Joseph Gonzalez and seconded by Pat Ekiss to accept two DVD's given to the agency by International Association of Arson Investigators valued at ten dollars. The motion carried.
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12. Report regarding commission study attachment      Tim Rutland, Executive Director informed commissioners a questionnaire had been sent to identified agencies with a deadline response of the end of August and the study group will assess the information when received.
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13. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
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    1. 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 Leonard Perez and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
    2. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 429, §429.203, as discussed was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Joseph Gonzalez. The motion carried.
    3. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 451, §451.303 and §451.403 as discussed was made by John Gillette and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
    4. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 453, §443.203 as discussed was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Leonardo Perez. The motion carried.
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    1. A motion to propose for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 441, §§441.7, 441.11, 441.13, 441.15, 441.17, 441.19 and 441.21, as discussed was made by Joseph Gonzalez and seconded by John Gillette. The motion carried.
    2. A motion to propose the repeal of 37 TAC, Chapter 449, §§449.1, 449.3 and 449.5 as discussed was made by John Gillette and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.

A motion to propose for publication the proposed new 37 TAC, Chapter 449, Subchapter A, §§449.1, 449.3, 449.5, 449.7, 449.9, and Subchapter B, §§449.201, 449.203, 449.205, 449.207 and 449.209 as discussed was made by John Gillette and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.

3. A motion to propose for publication the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 457, §457.3, as discussed was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
- C. A motion was made to approve the recommended changes to the curricula, outline and reference lists for Driver Operator, Fire Investigator, Fire Officer I, Fire Officer II, Fire Officer III, and Fire Officer IV with an effective date of January 1, 2015. The motion carried

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14. 37 TAC,  
Chapter 403

After discussion, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

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15. Matters from  
Executive Director

- a. Tim Rutland, Executive Director reported no informal conferences had occurred since the last commission meeting.
- b. Mr. Rutland informed commissioners the agency underwent a post payment audit from the Comptroller's Office. Their findings were mainly with following current procedures as well as making minor procedural changes. He stated the agency had submitted its legislative appropriations request (LAR) and he outlined the agency's exceptional items request. He informed them the agency underwent its International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) reaccreditation review and the agency was awarded unconditional reaccreditation in all disciplines. Mr. Rutland also informed the agency that several employees had left or will be leaving the office and one employee will retire at the end of August.

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16. Executive  
Session

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull did not call for the Executive Session.

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17. Open  
Session

No action necessary.

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18. Adjournment

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull adjourned the meeting.

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Steve Tull, Presiding Officer