

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull, at 10:00 a.m. called the October 16, 2014 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

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

Staff	Tim Rutland Joyce Guinn	Deborah Cowan Andrew Lutostanski, Assistant Attorney General	Paul Maldonado	Lisa Gonzalez	Sylvia Miller
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Guests	Cary Roccaforte Mike Hunt Scott Thompson Jessie Gentry Levi Clements George McAteer	Wally Cox Randy Richards Jim Reidy Randy Safer Thomas Miller	Wayne Twiner Brent Parker Ronald Krusleski Thomas Prevost Michael Neujghr	Lynn Bizzell Richard Priest Leonard Chan Robert Green Betty Wilkes	Ed Wellman Matthew Dear Brian Riley Mitchell Randles Chris Barron
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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 August 7, 2014 commission meeting was made by Carl Giles and seconded by Pat Ekiss. The motion carried. |
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| 3. Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting/Reports | The subcommittees met together to review the agency's budget and performance measures. No action necessary. |
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| 4. Reports from Fire Service | Brief reports were given by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, Texas Fire Chiefs Association, State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Texas Fire Marshals Association. |
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| 5. Report from Fire Service School Advisory Board & TEEEX | Commission representative Michael Hunt gave a brief update on the committees actions since the last commission meeting. |
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| 6. Report on Homeland Security Council | Commission Representative, Joseph Gonzalez, informed commissioners the committee met on September 23, 2014 with discussion on the Homeland Security Strategic Plan and the next generation 911 system. |
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| 7. New Matters | None identified |
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8. Future meeting dates The commission scheduled its next meeting for January 29, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
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9. Report regarding commission study on attachment Tim Rutland, Executive Director informed commissioners the committee will be meeting on October 28, 2014 to review information received from the questionnaires that were sent out. He also stated the committee's goal is to complete its final report and recommendations before the start of the legislative session in January 2015.
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10. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
- A.
 - 1. A motion to approve for final adoption the 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 John Gillette and seconded by Elroy Carson. The motion carried.
 - 2. A motion to send 37 TAC, Chapter 449, back to the fire fighter advisory committee and Head of Department Ad-Hoc committee for further review and discussion of all comments received both written and from public testimony at the commission meeting was made by John Gillette and seconded by Joseph Gonzalez. The motion carried. (6 for, 2 against)
 - 3. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 457, §457.3 as discussed was made by Carl Giles and seconded by Elroy Carson. The motion carried.
 - B.
 - 1. A motion to propose for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 401, §§401.1, 401.3, 401.21, 401.23, 401.31, 401.41, 401.43, 401.45, 401.47, 401.49, 401.51, 401.53, 401.55, 401.57, 401.59, 401.61, 401.63, 401.65, 401.101, 401.103, 101.105, 401.121, 401.127, 401.129, and 401.131 as discussed was made by Elroy Carson and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
 - 2. A motion to propose for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 445, §§445.7, 445.9, 445.11, 445.13, 445.15, as discussed was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by John McMakin. The motion carried.
 - C. A motion was made to approve the recommended changes to the reference lists for Fire Officer I, Fire Officer II, Fire Officer III, and Fire Officer IV as discussed was made by John Gillette and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried
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11. 37 TAC, Chapter 403 Commission Gillette advised other commission members the previous scheduled meeting had to be cancelled and the ad-hoc committee would be meeting after the commission meeting to discuss Chapter 403. The Ad-hoc committee will provide an update at the January 2015 commission meeting.
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12. Matters from Executive Director
- a. Tim Rutland, Executive Director reported no informal conferences had occurred since the last commission meeting.
 - b. Mr. Rutland reminded commissioners of the grandfathering issue made by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) committee. He stated staff would be reviewing the issue for possible discussion at the next fire fighter advisory committee meeting in December 2014.

- c. After discussion, the commissioners directed the executive director to meet with the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to gather information on the issue and report back to the commissioners at its January 2015 meeting.

13. Executive
Session

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull called for the Executive Session at 2:16 p.m.

14. Open
Session

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull called for open session at 2:26 p.m. No action necessary.

15. Adjournment

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull adjourned the meeting.

Steve Tull, Presiding Officer