

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull, at 10:00 a.m. called the April 9, 2015 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 McMakin Steve Tull	Yusuf Farran Robert Moore Tivy Whitlock	Carl Giles Leonardo Perez	John Gillette
					*absent entire meeting **absent part of meeting

Staff	Tim Rutland Joyce Guinn	Deborah Cowan Kara Holsinger, Assistant Attorney General	Paul Maldonado	Lisa Gonzalez	Sylvia Miller
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Guests	Rhoda Mae Kerr Rene Lopez, Jr. Glen Trahan Bobby Copeland James Hume	Timothy Brown Leonard Chan Scott Kerwood Matt Whisenant Jim Reidy	Tom Dodds Ronald Tocci Levi Clements Ben Carrizales	David Covington Randal Rhodes Randy Safer Vincent Moreno	Lynn Bizzell Thomas McMonigle Darrell Brown Ronald Krusleski
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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 January 28, 2015 and January 29, 2015 commission meetings was made by John Gillette and seconded by Robert Moore. 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 Interest Groups | Brief reports were given by the Texas State Association of Firefighters and the National Fire Protection Association. |
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| 5. Report from Texas Fire School Advisory Board & TEEEX | Commission representative Michael Hunt was unable to attend meeting. Commissioner Moore gave a brief update on new projects at TEEEX. |
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| 6. Report on Homeland Security Council | Commission Representative, Joseph Gonzalez, informed commissioners the committee met on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 but he was unable to attend. He reported he was briefed by the chair of the committee. He reported that the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is building a scout team for operation safety and also a canine rescue team. There is a Critical Mass exercise scheduled for June 8-11, 2015 in the Ft. Worth, Dallas, Arlington region alongside the federal government. He reported the draft of the State Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2015-2020 has been completed and contains 5 goals and 37 objectives. |
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7. New Matters None identified.

8. Future meeting Dates The commission scheduled its meetings for both July and October 2015 as follows:
July 29, 2015, workshop, 1:00 p.m.
July 30, 2015, commission meeting, 9:00 p.m.
October 29, 2015, commission meeting, 10:00 a.m.

The commission discussed setting its quarterly commission meetings for 2016 in order to give ample notice to those interested in attending. The commission decided its quarterly meeting dates would be the last Thursday of the month with an afternoon workshop the day before for its January and July meetings. The following dates were specified:

January 27, 2016, workshop, 1:00 p.m.
January 28, 2016, commission meeting, 9:00 a.m.
April 28, 2016, commission meeting, 10:00 a.m.
July 27, 2016, workshop, 1:00 p.m.
July 28, 2016, commission meeting, 9:00 a.m.
October 27, 2016, commission meeting, 10:00 a.m.

9. Fire Fighter Injury Report Mark Roughton discussed the injury report with commissioners. Commissioner Gonzalez asked the fire fighter advisory committee to review the report again at its next meeting and offer recommendations to the commissioners at its July 2015 meeting. No action taken.

10. Higher levels of certification After discussion, no action taken.

11. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee

A. 1. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 423, §423.13 and §423.211 as discussed was made by John Gillette and seconded by Elroy Carson. The motion carried.

2. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 425, §425.11 as discussed was made by Joseph Gonzalez and seconded by Leonardo Perez. The motion carried.

3. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 429, §429.11 as discussed was made by Robert Moore and seconded by Joseph Gonzalez. The motion carried.

4. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 431, §431.13 and §431.211 as discussed was made by Joseph Gonzalez and seconded by John Gillette. The motion carried.

5. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 433, §433.7 as discussed was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Robert Moore. The motion carried.

6. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendment and new section to 37 TAC, Chapter 435, §435.1 and §435.29 as discussed was made by Leonardo Perez and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
 7. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 441, §441.19 as discussed was made by John McMakin and seconded by Pat Ekiss. The motion carried. (10 for, 1 against)
 8. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 451, §451.7 and §451.207 as discussed was made by Robert Moore and Leonardo Perez. The motion carried.
 9. A motion to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 453, §453.7 as discussed was made by Joseph Gonzalez and seconded by Pat Ekiss. The motion carried.
- B. A motion to approve the recommended changes to the reference lists for Fire Investigator and Driver/Operator-Pumper Certification Curriculum Manuals as discussed was made by Joseph Gonzalez and seconded by John McMakin. The motion carried.

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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 requirement to attend a Webinar for state contract management as soon as possible. Commissioners asked that the link to the webinar be resent.

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

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14. Open Session
- No action necessary.

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15. Adjournment
- A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.

Steve Tull, Presiding Officer