

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

July 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

1701 N. Congress Ave., William B. Travis Building, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas

The meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection will be held in-person at the physical location above. If you are not feeling well or were possibly exposed to COVID-19, please stay at home.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection may discuss and/or take action on any of the following agenda items. The Commission may go into executive session on any agenda item listed below as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

- 1. Call to order with invocation and pledge of allegiance.**
- 2. Roll call and excuse of Commissioner absences.**
- 3. Approval of Commission meeting minutes of April 21, 2022.**
- 4. The Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee may meet on July 14, 2022, during the commission meeting and provide a report relating to any recommendations developed by the subcommittee relating to modifications to the agency operating budget and strategic plan.**
- 5. Reports from fire service interest groups and agencies on matters relating to their specific organizational purposes, functions, activities, and objectives, including reports from the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, the State Firefighters and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the Texas Fire Marshal's Association, the Texas Association of Fire Educators, the Texas A&M Forest Service, the National Fire Protection Association, Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts, the Center for Public Safety Excellence, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation.**
- 6. Report from commission representative to the Texas Fire School Advisory Board or by representatives of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) regarding fire protection training provided by TEEX through its Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI).**
- 7. Report from commission representative to the Homeland Security Council.**
- 8. Report from the Health and Wellness ad-hoc Committee.**
- 9. Subjects for future commission meeting agendas.**
- 10. Future meeting dates.**
- 11. Report from Curriculum and Testing Committee regarding new curriculum:**
 - A. 37 Tex. Administrative Code Part 13, Chapter 467, Fire Marshal**
 - B. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 469, Technical Rescue**

1. Subchapter A, Minimum Standards for Rope Rescue
 2. Subchapter B, Minimum Standards Surface Water Rescue
12. Matters referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee (FFAC), including, but not limited to:
 - A. Possible final adoption of the proposed amendments as follows:
 1. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 425, Fire Service Instructors.
 2. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety
 3. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification
 4. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees
 - B. Proposed amendments regarding rule review of the following:
 1. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 401, Administrative Practice and Procedures.
 2. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 421, Standards for Certification
 3. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 429, Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner
 4. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 431, Fire Investigation
 5. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 433, Driver/Operator
 6. 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 437, Fees
13. Proposed rule change of 37 Tex. Administrative Code, Part 13, Chapter 427, Training Facility Certification
14. Proposed rule review for the following:
 - A. 37 TAC, Chapter 441, Continuing Education
 - B. 37 TAC, Chapter 443, Certification Curriculum Manual
 - C. 37 TAC, Chapter 447, Part-Time Fire Protection Employee
 - D. 37 TAC, Chapter 455, Minimum Standards for Wildland Fire Protection
15. Review of 2021 data collected regarding fire fighter injuries and the development of recommendations to be submitted to the State Fire Marshal's Office for inclusion in its annual report.

16. Matters from the Agency Chief.

- A. Update regarding agency duties and responsibilities.**
- B. Decisions of Agency Chief in contested cases and consent orders.**
- C. Status regarding division functions:**
 - 1. Training Approval & Testing – test administered, training approvals, record reviews and online training audits**
 - 2. Certification & Professional Development – training applications, IFSAC seals issued, certifications issued, training facilities, curriculum development, library resource requests**
 - 3. Compliance – biennial inspections, compliance officers training, issues involving regulated entities**
 - 4. Information Technology – public website design, FARM and FIDO improvements, CAPPS (Central Accounting Payroll/Personnel System), IT security policy, service requests**

17. Personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Agency Chief.

18. Adjourn meeting.

Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the commission meeting shall be voluntary offering of a chaplain, to and for the benefit of the commission. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the commission and do not necessarily represent the religious beliefs or views of the Council in part or as a whole. No member of the community is required to attend or participate in the invocation and such decision will have no impact on their right to participate actively in the business of the commission. Copies of the policy governing invocations and setting forth the procedure to have a volunteer deliver an invocation are available upon written request submitted to the commission Clerk.