TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

October 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

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

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection (the "Commission") may discuss and/or act 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 Commissioner absences.
- 3. Commission meeting minutes of August 10, 2023.
- 4. Recognition of Mala Sharma for her service to TCFP.
- 5. The Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") met on October 26, 2023, before the commission meeting and provided a report relating to any recommendations developed by the subcommittee relating to modifications to the agency's operating budget and strategic plan.
- 6. Reports from fire service interest groups and agencies on matters relating to their specific organizational purposes, functions, activities, and objectives, including reports from TEEX, 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.
- 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. Discussion and possible action on 37 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 421, Standards for Certification.
- 12. Discussion and possible action on 37 TAC, Chapter 403, Criminal Convictions and Eligibility for Certification.
- 13. Discussion and possible action on 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees.
- 14. Discussion and possible action on 37 TAC, Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification, matrix 439.19.

- 15. Discussion and possible action on matters as referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee:
 - A. Discussion and possible action on New, 37 TAC, Chapter 469, Technical Rescue.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on Rule Review, 37 TAC, Chapter 495, Regulation of Nongovernmental Departments.
- 16. Discussion and possible action on 37 TAC, Chapter 467, Fire Marshal, as referred from the Curriculum and Testing Committee.
- 17. Discussion and possible action on filling the current vacancies on committees.
- 18. Matters from the Agency Chief:
 - A. Update regarding agency duties and responsibilities.
 - B. Decision of the 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, and service requests.
- 19. Personal matters regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, Evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Agency Chief.
- 20. Adjourn meeting.

Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the commission meeting shall be a 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. Such a decision will not impact 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.