

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION
Commissioner's Meeting Agenda
9:30 a.m., November 21, 2024
4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, Room 140, Austin, Texas

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection (the Commission) may discuss and 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 an invocation¹ and pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll call for a quorum and excuse Commissioner absences, if any.
3. Approve Commission meeting minutes for the August 15, 2024, meeting.
4. Report from the Budget and Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee.
5. Reports from fire service interest groups and agencies on matters relating to their specific organizational purposes, functions, activities, and objectives, including reports from TEEEX, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the Texas State Association of Firefighters, 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, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.
6. Report from Commission representative to the Homeland Security Council.
7. Discussion on future meeting dates.
8. Subjects for future Commission meeting agendas
9. A report and possible action from the Health and Wellness Committee.
10. Matters referred to the Commission from the Curriculum and Testing Committee:
 - A. Report and possible action from the Curriculum and Testing Committee.
 - B. Discussion and possible action concerning updates to the Ropes Curriculum Manual.

¹ Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Commission meeting shall be a voluntary offering 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 Commission 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.

- C. Discussion and possible action on the Ropes Skills Manual.
11. Matters referred to the Commission by the Firefighter Advisory Committee:
 - A. Discussion and possible action on the rule review 37 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 403, Criminal Convictions and Eligibility for Certifications.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on proposed changes on the rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 421, Standards for Certification.
 12. Discussion on the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) “Responding to the Interface” (WUI) training for Texas firefighters.
 13. Discussion and possible action on the proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 449, Head of Fire Department.
 14. Discussion and possible 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety.
 15. Proposed rule review for the following:
 - A. 37 TAC, Chapter 423, Fire Suppression.
 - B. 37 TAC, Chapter 425, Fire Service Instructors.
 16. Report and possible action from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee regarding the selection and appointment of candidates for current vacancies on Health and Wellness, Curriculum and Testing, and Firefighter Advisory Subcommittees.
 17. Discussion and possible action on public request concerning 37 TAC, Chapter 469, Technical Rescue.
 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:
 - i. Training Approval & Testing – test administered, training approvals, record reviews, and online training audits.
 - ii. Certification & Professional Development – training applications, IFSAC seals issued, certifications issued, training facilities, curriculum development, library resource requests.
 - iii. Compliance – biennial inspections, compliance officers training, issues involving regulated entities.

- iv. Information Technology – public website design, FARM and FIDO improvements, CAPPS (Central Accounting Payroll/Personnel System), IT security policy, and service requests.
- 19. Personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Agency Chief.
- 20. Adjourn meeting.