

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Robert Moore, at 10:06 a.m. called the October 24, 2019 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

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| Attending | Tommy Anderson* | Carlos Cortez    | Sue De Villez | Kelly Doster | Paul Hamilton  |
|           | Mike Jones      | Robert Moore     | Bob Morgan    | Mala Sharma  | J. P. Steelman |
|           | Steve Tull      | Kelly Vandygriff | Rusty Wilson  |              |                |

\*absent entire meeting  
\*\*absent part of meeting

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| Staff | Paul Maldonado                          | Deborah Cowan              | Sylvia Miller                             | Servando Sanchez |
|       | Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General | Assistant Attorney General | Rosalind Hunt, Assistant Attorney General |                  |

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| Guests | Randy Liedtke      | Marcus Trexler    | Steve Pinkston      | Troy Wenzel    | Javier Crespo |
|        | David Brown        | Jason Blackman    | Frankie Joe Salinas | Kyle Mills     | Lee Glen      |
|        | Randall Prevninger | Mike Wisko        | Stuart Blasingame   | Sean Fay       | Frank Tamayo  |
|        | Thomas McMonigle   | Glenn DeShields   | Leonard Chan        | David Wilson   | Keith Moore   |
|        | J. Pete Laney      | Bill Pearsen      | Pat English         | J. R. Jones    | Dave Lowe     |
|        | Kyle McAfee        | Scott Collard     | Mark Cantrell       | Jerry Duffield |               |
|        | Dominique Artis    | Randall Alexander |                     |                |               |

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| 1. Invocation<br>Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance | The invocation was given by Jeremy Mikeska, the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Commissioner J. P. Steelman. There was no presentation of colors. |
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| 2. Introduction of new commissioners | Presiding Officer Robert Moore asked the four new commissioners to introduce themselves and the area they serve. New Commissioners are: Sue De Villez, Georgetown, Paul Hamilton, Amarillo, Kelly Vandygriff, Abernathy and Rusty Wilson, Katy. |
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| 3. Roll call | Commissioner, Steve Tull called roll and a quorum was present. |
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| 4. Election of Officers | A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Kelly Doster to nominate J. P. Steelman, Assistant Presiding Officer and Steve Tull, Secretary. The motion carried. |
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| 5. Adoption of Minutes | A motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 commission meeting was made by Kelly Doster and seconded by J.P. Steelman. The motion carried. |
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| 6. Report from the Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee | Nothing to report. |
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| 7. Reports from Interest Groups | A brief report was given by the Texas Fire Chief's Association, Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, and the Center for Public Safety Excellence. |
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| 8. Report from Tx. Fire School Advisory Board & TEEEX | Commission Representative Juan Gloria was unable to attend. Presiding Officer, Robert Moore gave a brief update on activities to date. |
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9. Appointment of Homeland Security Representative
- A motion was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Robert Moore to nominate Mike Jones as the agency representative. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn.
- A motion was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Robert Moore to table the issue for further review until the January 2020 commission meeting. The motion carried.
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10. Report from Health & Wellness Ad Hoc Committee
- Commissioner Sharma, committee Chair said a presentation would be given at the January 2020 commission meeting.
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11. Subjects for future commission meeting agendas
- Appointment of Homeland Security Council Representative and committee for review of Chapter 437, Fees
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12. Future meeting Dates
- The commission set the following for its 2020 meetings:  
January 22, workshop at 10:00 a.m. (conduct interviews for executive director position)  
January 23, commission meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
April 23, commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
July 15, workshop at 1:00 p.m.  
July 16, commission meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
October 29, commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.
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13. Matters from Advisory Committee
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1. A motion to approve for final adoption 37 TAC, Chapter 403, §403.3, §403.11 and §403.15 as discussed was made by Kelly Doster and seconded by Mala Sharma. The motion carried.
  2. A motion to approve for final adoption 37 TAC, Chapter 421, §421.11 as discussed was made by Steve Tull and seconded by J. P. Steelman. The motion carried.
  3. A motion to approve for final adoption 37 TAC, Chapter 433, §433.207 as discussed was made by Steve Tull and seconded by J. P. Steelman. The motion carried.
  4. A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Steve Tull to leave fees at current rate and to conduct a study then recommend any changes if necessary. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.  
  
A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Steve Tull to repeal the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 437, §437.3 as discussed. The motion carried (7 for, 5 against)
  5. A motion was made by Rusty Wilson and seconded by Steve Tull to repeal the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 445, §445.1, 445.7, 445.9 and new §445.11 as discussed. The motion carried.
  6. A motion was made by J. P. Steelman and seconded by Steve Tull to approve for final adoption 37 TAC, Chapter 453, §453.207 as discussed. The motion carried.
  7. A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by J. P. Steelman to approve for final adoption 37 TAC, Chapter 457, §457.7 as discussed. The motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Rusty Wilson and seconded by Mike Jones to approve the recommended changes to the Head of Department Curriculum effective immediately and the recommended changes to the Driver Operator Curriculum effective January 1, 2020 as discussed. The motion carried.

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14. 37 TAC, Chapter 427, Training Facility  
A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by J. P. Steelman to approve for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 427, §427.13, §427.203 and §427.305 as discussed. The motion carried.
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15. 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety  
After discussion, no action taken.
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16. Matters from Executive Director  
a. Paul Maldonado, Acting Executive Director reported the agency had nothing to report.  
b. Mr. Maldonado provided commissioners information regarding agency division functions.
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17. Hiring Process for Executive Director  
Presiding Officer, Robert Moore announced the process by which the commission would select a new Executive Director. A committee of three commissioners will review all applications received and select top 3 to 5 individuals for the commission as a whole to interview.  
  
After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Rusty Wilson to appoint the review committee with Commissioners Steve Tull, J. P. Steelman and Robert Moore to review applications and select candidates to interview. The motion carried.
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18. Executive Session 551.074  
Presiding Officer, Robert Moore called for Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.
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19. Open Session  
Presiding Officer, Robert Moore called the commission back to order in open session at 1:14 p.m.  
  
A motion was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Bob Morgan to appoint Paul Maldonado, Interim Executive Director until a permanent executive director is identified with a salary increase of 10 percent above his current salary. The motion carried.
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20. Adjournment  
A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Doster and seconded by Rusty Wilson. The motion carried.

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Robert Moore, Presiding Officer