

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Robert Moore, at 10:00 a.m. called the October 29, 2020 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

Attending	Tommy Anderson Mike Jones Steve Tull	Carlos Cortez* Robert Moore Kelly Vandygriff	Sue De Villez Bob Morgan Rusty Wilson*	Kelly Doster Mala Sharma	Paul Hamilton J. P. Steelman
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*absent entire meeting
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Staff	Mike Wisko Tara Youngblood Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General	Deborah Cowan Paul Maldonado	Cliff Grant Grace Wilson	Joyce Guinn Amanda Ramos
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Guests See List

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1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance The invocation was given by Chaplain Matt Pennington and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Assistant Presiding Officer, J. P. Steelman.

 2. Roll call Secretary, Steve Tull called the roll, and a quorum was present.

 3. Adoption of Minutes A motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 commission meeting was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Kelly Doster. The motion carried.

 4. Report from the Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee No action necessary.

 5. Reports from Interest Groups A brief report was given by the Texas Fire Chief's Association, Center for Public Safety Excellence, State Fire Marshal's Office, National Fire Protection Association, State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts, and Texas Association of Fire Educators

 6. Report from Homeland Security Council Representative Agency representative Kelly Vandygriff stated no meetings have been conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

 7. Report from Health and Wellness Ad Hoc Committee Commissioner Sharma, committee Chair gave a brief update on the committee meetings to date.

 8. Subjects for meeting agendas None identified

 9. Future meeting Dates The commission set the following dates for its 2021 meetings. January 27, workshop; January 28, commission; April 29, commission; July 14, workshop July 15, commission; and October 28, commission

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10. Appointment of Texas Fire School Advisory Board Representative
Presiding Officer Robert Moore directed the subcommittee appointed to review the vacant position on the fire fighter advisory committee to select five candidates to interview at its January 27, 2021 workshop.
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11. Appointment of Member to the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
The commission accepted the sub-committee list of ten recommended candidates and will interview these candidates at its January 27, 2021 workshop.
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12. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
A. 1. A motion was made by Steve Tull and seconded by J. P. Steelman to approve for final adoption amendments to 37, TAC, Chapter 459, §459.201 as discussed. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Kelley Doster to approve for final adoption 37, TAC, Chapter 461, §§461.1, 461.3, and 461.5 as discussed. The motion carried.
B. A motion was made by Tommy Anderson and seconded by J. P. Steelman to approve the recommended changes to the Basic Fire Inspector Curriculum Reference List, Plan Examiner Curriculum Reference List, Incident Safety Officer Curriculum Reference List and Skills, Basic Wildland Skills Update, and Basic Fire Suppression Curriculum Reference List. The motion carried.
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13. Request from Brady Robinette
After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Bob Morgan to send the issue to the Curriculum and Testing Committee and then to the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee for review and discussion. The motion carried.
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14. 37 TAC, Chapter 421, Standards for Certification
A motion was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Tommy Anderson to propose for publication amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 421, §421.1, and §421.17(f) pending legal opinion as discussed. The motion carried.
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15. 37 TAC, Chapter 429, Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner
A motion was made by J. P. Steelman and seconded by Mike Jones to approve for publication amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 429, §429.201 as discussed. The motion carried.
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16. 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety
A motion was made by Tommy Anderson and seconded by J.P. Steelman to approve for publication amendments to 37, TAC Chapter 435, §435.1 as discussed. The motion carried.
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17. 37 TAC, Chapter 445, Administrative Inspections and Penalties
A motion was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Paul Hamilton to approve for publication amendments to 37, TAC Chapter 445, §445.7, 445.9, and new 445.11 445.13 and 445.15 as discussed. The motion carried.

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18. 37 TAC, Chapter 453, Hazardous Materials A motion was made by Steve Tull and seconded by Paul Hamilton to propose for publication, amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 453, §453.5 and §453.205 pending legal opinion as discussed. The motion carried.
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19. Formation of Ad-hoc committee A motion was made by Tommy Anderson and seconded by Paul Hamilton that the commission form two separate ad-hoc committees one to review 37 TAC, Chapter 435 and the other to review 37 TAC, Chapter 427. The motion carried.
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20. Matters from Executive Director a. Mike Wisko, Executive Director informed the commissioners the agency had no contested cases or consent orders to report.
b. Mr. Wisko provided commissioners information regarding agency division functions.
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21. Personnel Matters Presiding Officer, Robert Moore called for an Executive Session beginning at 12:12 p.m. At 12:34 p.m. Presiding Officer, Robert Moore called the commission back into open session.

A motion was made by Tommy Anderson and seconded by Paul Hamilton to increase the executive director's salary to the budgeted amount of \$117,103 annually. The motion carried.
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22. Public Comment A letter was presented to the commission from the majority of the 25 largest fire departments across the state reflecting their recommendations to the Sunset Advisory Commission.
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23. Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Kelley Doster and seconded by Paul Hamilton . The motion carried.

Robert Moore, Presiding Officer