

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, J. P. Steelman, at 9:00 a.m. called the January 20, 2022, meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

Attending	Chris Cantu Mike Jones J. P. Steelman	David Coatney Clyde Loll* Kelly Vandygriff	Sue DeVillez* Bob Morgan Rusty Wilson	Michael Glynn Mala Sharma*	Paul Hamilton Tim Smith
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*absent entire meeting

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Staff	Mike Wisko Amanda Khan	Deborah Cowan Rosalind Hunt, Assistant Attorney General	Grace Wilson	Cliff Grant	Rick Wallace
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Guests See Guest List attached.

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| 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance | The invocation was given by Commissioner Russell Wilson and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Presiding Officer, J. P. Steelman. |
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| 2. Roll call and excuse of Commissioner absences | Secretary, Bob Morgan called the roll, and a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by David Coatney to excuse the absences of Commissioners Clyde Loll, Sue DeVillez, and Mala Sharma. The motion carried. |
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| 3. Recognition of Individual's Dedication to Texas Fire Service | Commissioner Rusty Wilson recognized Pat McAuliff, Chairman of the agency's Curriculum and Testing Committee for his fire service dedication. |
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| 4. Adoption of Minutes | A motion was made by Kelly Vandygriff and seconded by Rusty Wilson to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2021, commission meeting. The motion carried. |
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| 5. Report from Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee | No action necessary. |
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| 6. Reports from Interest Groups | A brief report was given by the Texas Fire Chief's Association, Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, Texas A&M Forest Service, National Fire Protection Association, Center for Public Safety Excellence, and the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. |
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| 7. Report from TX Fire School Advisory Board | Agency representative Shawn Schneider was unable to attend the meeting. Gordon Lohmeyer gave a brief report on the activities of the board to date. |
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| 8. Report from Homeland Security Council | Commissioner Kelly Vandygriff reported that the council had not met since the last meeting. |
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9. Report from Health & Wellness Health & Wellness Committee
Chairman, Mala Sharma was unable to attend the meeting. Chief Doug Boeker, Sugarland Fire Department gave a brief report in her absence.
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10. Update from Chapter 435 & Chapter 427 ad-hoc committees
Chairman of the Chapter 435 ad-hoc committee, Mike Jones gave a brief update on the committee's work. He also reported that the rule review was up for proposal on a later agenda item.
Chairman of the Chapter 427 ad-hoc committee, Paul Hamilton gave a brief update on the committee's work to date. He also reported that the committee will be meeting in February and hopefully have a rule review proposal for the commission's April 2022 meeting.
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11. Subjects for future meeting agendas
Proposed rule amendments in reference to Texas Government Code, §2001.024
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12. Future meeting Dates
The commission previously scheduled April 21, 2022, for its next meeting
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13. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
A. A motion was made by Tim Smith and seconded by Michael Glynn to approve for final adoption amendments to Chapter 455, §455.3 as discussed. The motion carried.
B. A motion was made by Michael Glynn and seconded by Mike Jones to approve the updates to the Fire Officer I, Fire Officer II, Fire Officer III, and Fire Officer IV curricula as discussed. The motion carried.
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14. 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety
After discussion, a motion was made by Paul Hamilton and seconded by Bob Morgan to send the proposed rule review to the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee for review at its March meeting. The motion carried.
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15. 37 TAC, Chapter 461, Incident Commander
A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Bob Morgan to propose for publication amendments to Chapter 461, §461.1 as discussed. The motion carried.
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16. Proposed rule Reviews
A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Bob Morgan to have the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee review the rules for 37 TAC, Chapter 403, Criminal Convictions and Eligibility For Certification, 37 TAC, Chapter 423, Fire Suppression, 37 TAC, Chapter 425, Fire Service Instructor, and 37 TAC, Chapter 439, Examinations For Certification and submit recommendations back to the commission. The motion carried.
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17. Report from ad-hoc committee regarding advisory committees
After discussion, a proposed rule will be provided to the commission at its April meeting.
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18. Fee amount for certificates
- A motion was made by Paul Hamilton and seconded by Mike Jones to raise the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) seals from \$15 to \$30 and to reduce the certification renewal fee from \$75 to \$60. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Michael Glynn and seconded by David Coatney to approve for publication amendments to Chapter 435, Fees, §435.7 and §437.15 as discussed. The motion carried.
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19. Matters from Agency Chief
- a. Mike Wisko, Agency Chief informed the commissioners the agency had no contested cases or consent orders to report.
- b. Mr. Wisko reported on agency division functions. He also provided commissioners with the agency's 2022 Regional Meeting Schedule.
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20. Executive Session
- Presiding Officer, J. P. Steelman did not call for an Executive Session.
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21. Adjournment
- A motion to adjourn was made by Rusty Wilson and seconded by Michael Glynn. The motion carried.

J. P. Steelman, Presiding Officer