

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION MEETING

Presiding Officer J. P. Steelman called the May 16, 2024 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 10:00 a.m. at 4800 N Lamar Blvd, Room 140, Austin, Texas.

**Attending:** Chris Cantu David Coatney Kelly Vandygriff Michael Glynn Paul Hamilton  
Bob Morgan Tim Smith Amanda Friedeck J. P. Steelman Sue DeVillez  
Mike Jones Rusty Wilson Michael Johnson

\*Excused absence

**Staff:** Mike Wisko Holden Wenger Sami Lepisto Joyce Guinn Frank King  
Ashley Barnett Cliff Grant Grace Wilson Robert Reese

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Commissioner Kelly Vandygriff and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Presiding Officer J. P. Steelman.
2. Roll call and excusing of Commissioner absences. The roll was called, and a quorum was present. No Commissioners were absent.
3. Adoption of Minutes. A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by David Coatney to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2024 Commission meeting. The motion carried.
4. Report from Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee. A report was given that included updates on the Strategic Plan.
5. Reports from Interest Groups. Reports were given by TEEEX, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the State Fire Fighters and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, Texas A&M Forest Service, the National Fire Protection Association, the Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts, the State Fire Marshal's Office, the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation, and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

6. Report from Homeland Security Council. No report was given.
7. Subjects for future meeting agendas. Commissioner Mike Jones requested an agenda item for replacement of his current position as Assistant Presiding Officer on the Commission.
8. Future meeting dates. The Commission announced the next Commission workshop meeting date for August 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. and the Commission meeting August 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The November Commission meeting date announced for November 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
9. Report from the Curriculum and Testing Committee. No report was given.
10. Discussion and possible action on proposed 37 Texas Administrative Code [TAC] Chapter 467, Fire Marshall. A motion was made by Michael Glynn and seconded by David Coatney to adopt the proposed changes to 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 467 - Fire Marshall. The motion carried.
11. Discussion and possible action on proposed TAC, Chapter 469, Technical Rescue. A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by David Coatney to send proposed TAC, Chapter 469, Technical Rescue for publication to the Texas Register and to the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee for review. The motion carried.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding reciprocity with SFFMA certifications. Agency Chief Mike Wisko provided a brief report. No action was taken.

13. Report from Ad Hoc Subcommittee regarding selection and appointment of candidates for current vacancies on Subcommittees. Report was given by Commissioners David Coatney and Michael Johnson that included updates on the selection process. A motion was made by Paul Hamilton and seconded by Mike Jones to approve Internal Policy #IP 004 for implementation. The motion carried.
14. Discussion regarding the Rule Review process, procedure, and scheduling for future Commission meeting agendas. Agency Chief, Mike Wisko discussed staff recommendations regarding the Rule Review process.
15. Discussion and possible action regarding Rule Review of 37 TAC, Chapter 449. The Commission proposed edits to 449.3 and 449.203. Staff will make the suggested changes to present at the next Commission meeting in August. No action was taken.
16. Discussion and possible action regarding Rule Review of 37 TAC, Chapter 401. A motion was made by Michael Glynn and seconded by David Coatney to adopt the rule review of 37 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 401, without changes. The motion carried.
17. Discussion regarding the 2023 Injury Report. Grace Wilson presented the report. A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Rusty Wilson to send this report to the Fire Fighter Advisory committee for review. The motion carried.

18. Discussion regarding the 2024 TCFP Customer Service Survey. No action was taken.
19. Matters from the Agency Chief. A. Agency Chief Mike Wisko gave an update on agency duties and responsibilities.  
B. Chief Wisko reported that there were no contested cases.  
C. Chief Wisko reported the status of division functions.
20. Recognition of Commissioner Jones for his service to the Commission. Commissioner Mike Jones attended, and recognition of his service was announced. A plaque was presented to him by Presiding Officer J.P. Steelman and Agency Chief Mike Wisko.
21. Personal matters regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Agency Chief. No matters discussed.
22. Adjourn Meeting The motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by David Coatney to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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J.P. Steelman, Presiding Officer