

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION  
NOVEMBER 20, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Presiding Officer Michael Glynn called the November 20, 2025 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 10:00 a.m. at the North Lamar Boulevard Building, 4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

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Commissioner Attendance:

Christopher Cantu	David Coatney	John Ortega	Michael Glynn
Paul Hamilton	Bob Morgan	Tim Smith	Amanda Friedeck
Brandon Wade	Michael Johnson	Daniel Buford	Sue DeVillez
James Mallinger			

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Staff Attendance:

Mike Wisko	Frank King	Yazzy Chavez	Holden Wenger	Cliff Grant
Grace Wilson	Rick Wallace	Joyce Guinn		

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1. Call to order with a moment of silence, an invocation and pledge of allegiance – Chairman Michael Glynn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The invocation and the Pledge of allegiance was delivered. A moment of silence for fallen firefighters was observed.

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  2. Roll call for a quorum and excuse of absences, if any - The roll was called, and a quorum was present. All Commissioners were present at the time of roll call. Commissioner Amanda Friedeck was not present for the second half of the meeting.

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  3. Approve Commission meeting minutes of the August 21, 2025 meeting – a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

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  4. Reports from fire service interest groups and agencies on matters relating to their specific organizational purpose - Reports were given by TEEEX, the State Fire Marshal’s Office, the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the Texas State Association of Firefighters, the State Firefighters’ and Fire Marshals’ Association of Texas, The Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts, the National Fire Protection Association, the Center for Public Safety Excellence, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

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  5. Matters referred to the Commission by the Health & Wellness Committee:
    - a. Annual report pursuant to 37 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 463, Advisory Committees, Practice and Procedures - A brief report was given by Doug Boeker. HB 198 Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. No action was taken.
    - b. Overview of Firefighter Cancer Study by Dr. Jooyeon Hwang of UT Health Science Center - A brief summary was presented by Dr. Hwang. No action was taken.
    - c. Discussion and possible action on letter of support for the Firefighter Cancer Study for UT Health Science Center - A motion was made by Commissioner Mallinger and seconded by Commissioner Buford to approve the letter of support. Motion carried.

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6. Matters referred to the Commission from the Curriculum and Testing Committee:

- a. Annual report pursuant to 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees, Practice and Procedures - a brief report was given. No action was taken.
- b. Discussion and possible final adoption to 37 TAC, Chapter 429, Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner, §429.203 - A motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the final adoption of Chapter 429. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the replacement of Curriculum and Testing member Desha Turner who resigned October 7, 2025- A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton to approve the appointment of Jonathan Tunnell to the Curriculum & Testing Committee. Motion carried

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7. Matters referred to the Commission by the Firefighter Advisory Committee:

- a. Annual report pursuant to 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees, Practice and Procedures - A brief report was given. No action was taken.
- b. Discussion and final adoption of 37 TAC, Chapter 433, Driver/Operator – A motion was made by Commissioner Buford and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to approve the final adoption of Chapter 433. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and possible action on rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 423, Fire Suppression – Tabled for further review. No action was taken.
- d. Discussion and possible action on rule review 37 TAC, Chapter 427, Training Facility Certification – Tabled for further review. No action was taken.
- e. Discussion and possible action on rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 431, Fire Investigator - Tabled for further review. No action was taken.

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8. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee on HB 1593: A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to approve the appointment of eleven members to the HB 1593 Committee. Motion Carried.

HB 1593 Committee Appointments - Manuel Casarez	Amy Ramon	Tammy Boudreaux	Bill Crews
Eric Secrest	Suzi Gulliver	John Hosea	Karen Padgett
George Samples	Alisa McDonald	Lowell Ercanbrack	

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9. Discussion and possible action on the report from the Subcommittee on Advisory Committee member selection:

- a. Review of relevance of each Advisory Committee Pursuant to 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees, Practice and Procedures, §463.3(f) - A motion was made by Commissioner Mallinger and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to continue all standing committees. Motion carried.
- b. Appointment of member positions 3, 4 and 5 on each Advisory Committee to become effective January 1,

2026 - A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to approve appointments to Positions 3, 4, and 5. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments:	FFAC	C&T	H&W
	Shane Parker	Sam Baucom	Daniel DeYear
	Michael Silva	Chuck French	Doug Boeker
	Robert Van Dine	Chris Watson	Christine Cox

- c. Establish a new member eligibility list for each Advisory Committee for 2026 - The Commission approved the updated eligibility lists for all advisory committees. Firefighter Advisory Committee Commissioner Coatney and Commissioner Cantu - Unanimous. Curriculum and Testing Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Wade - Unanimous. Health and wellness Commissioner Wade and Commissioner Hamilton - Approved 6-5. All motions carried.

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10. Discussion and possible final adoption of 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety, §435.7 as it relates to HB 3732 on extension to comply with NFPA standards - a motion was made by Commissioner Mallinger and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the final adoption of changes to Chapter 435.7. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Cantu to establish September 9, 2026 as the implementation date for NFPA 1850. Motion carried.

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11. Discussion and possible final adoption to 37 TAC, Chapter 437, Fees, §437.3 related to HB 5629 on certification application fees for military personnel - A motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to approve the final adoption of changes to Chapter 437.3. Motion carried.

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12. Discussion and possible action on 37 TAC, Chapter 469, Technical Rescue A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Ortega to approve proposed changes to Chapter 469. Motion carried.

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13. Discussion and readoption of 37 TAC, Chapter 401, Administrative Practice and Procedure related to HB 5629 - Fees for Military Personnel - a motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to approve submitting Chapter 401 to the Texas Register. Motion carried.

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14. Proposed Rule Review for the following:

a. 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety - a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to refer the Rule Review to the FFAC. Motion carried.

b. 37 TAC, Chapter 437, Fees - a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to refer the Rule Review to the FFAC. Motion carried.

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15. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of a representative to the Texas Homeland Security

Committee - A motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to appoint Commissioner Brandon Wade as the Commission's representative. Motion carried.

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16. Reports from the Agency Chief:

- a. Update regarding agency duties and responsibilities – Agency Chief Mike Wisko gave a brief report regarding the agency duties and responsibilities.
- b. Decision of the Agency Chief in contested cases and consent orders – there was nothing to report.
- c. Status regarding division functions - Agency Chief Mike Wisko gave a brief report on the division functions for each division as listed below:
  - i. Training Approval & Testing - tests 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 request.

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17. Discussion on future meeting dates - The Commission acknowledged the 2026 meeting dates as follows: February 18-19, 2026, May 14, 2026, August 19-20, 2026, November 12, 2026.

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18. Executive Session - No executive session was held.

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19. Subjects for future Commission meeting agendas – The Commission identified several topics for future consideration, including a review of 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees, Practice and Procedures. discussion of Internal Policy 004, upcoming budget-related items.

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20. Adjourn Meeting - Meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

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Michael Glynn, Presiding Officer

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