

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION  
FEBRUARY 19, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Presiding Officer Michael Glynn called the February 19, 2026 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 9:02 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 De Villez*

James Mallinger

Excused Absences\*

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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 9:02 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. A motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to excuse the absences of Commissioners Sue De Villez, Michael Johnson, and John Ortega. Motion carried.
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3. Approve Commission meeting minutes of the November 20, 2025 meeting – a motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to approve the minutes of the November 20, 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 Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, State Fire Marshal's Office, Texas State Association of Firefighters, State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, Texas Fire Marshals Association, Texas A&M Forest Service, National Fire Protection Association, Center for Public Safety Excellence, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Firefighter Cancer Support Network.
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5. Report from Commission Representative on the Texas Homeland Security Council- Commissioner Wade provided a report regarding activities of the Texas Homeland Security Council, including information about an upcoming council meeting scheduled for February 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. He will have an update from that meeting at the next Commission meeting.
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6. Matters referred to the Commission by Health and Wellness Committee:
    - a. Report from House Bill 198 Ad-Hoc Committee - a report was presented by Doug Boeker

regarding the work of the House Bill 198 Ad-Hoc Committee and the development of the proposed rule language. Lieutenant Autumn Farris presented the proposed rules implementing House Bill 198 regarding occupational cancer screenings. A motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the proposed rule language implementing House Bill 198 and move the rule to proposal for the May meeting. Motion carried.

- b. Report on other Committee activity – Doug Boeker and Staff provided an update regarding the additional activities of the Health and Wellness Committee regarding the injury report, UT Health’s firefighter cancer study. No action was taken.

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 427, Training Facility Certification – a motion was made by Commissioner Mallinger and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton to approve proposed changes to Chapter 427 on to the next meeting for adoption. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and possible action on rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 431, Fire Investigator – a motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to accept the rule as is with no changes and send on to the next meeting for adoption. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and possible action on rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety – a motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve proposed changes to Chapter 435. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion and possible action on rule review 37 TAC, Chapter 437, Fees – a motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to approve proposed changes to Chapter 437. Motion carried.

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification, §439.19 - a motion was made by Commissioner Mallinger and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 439, Examinations for Certifications, Section §439.19. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and possible action on updates to the Fire and Life Safety Educator Curriculum Manual - a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the proposed changes as presented to the Fire and Life Safety Educator Curriculum Manual. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and possible action on updates to the Incident Commander Curriculum Manual - a motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the proposed changes as presented to the Incident Commander Curriculum Manual. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion and possible action on updates to the Fire Inspector Curriculum- a motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to approve the proposed changes as presented to Fire inspector Curriculum Manual. Motion carried.

9. Report from HB1593 Advisory Committee - a report was presented regarding activities of the House Bill 1593 Advisory Committee and progress on matters related to the Committee's work. No action was taken.

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10. Discussion and possible action on the replacement of Curriculum and Testing Committee member Richard Guisti - a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to appoint Megan Schuth to the Curriculum and Testing Committee. Motion carried.

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11. Discussion and possible action on 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees, Practice and Procedures - a motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Buford to send Chapter 463 to the Firefighter Advisory Committee (FFAC) for further review. Motion carried.

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12. Discussion and possible action on 37 TAC, Chapter 469, Technical Rescue - a motion was by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Wade to adopt Chapter 469. Motion carried.

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13. Discussion and possible final adoption to 37 TAC, Chapter 401, Administrative Practice and Procedure - a motion was made by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton for final adoption of Chapter 401. Motion carried.

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14. Discussion on request from Ryan Smith to discuss the two-year exam expiration dates related to IFSAC Seal eligibility - a report was presented by Mr. Smith regarding the impact and financial burdens of TCFP accreditation standards and certification requirements. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

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15. Discussion and possible action related to 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety, §435.7 regarding effective date for enforcement of new NFPA 1850- This agenda item was passed over because the matter had already been addressed during the previous Commission meeting.

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16. Proposed Rule Review for the following:

- a. 37 TAC, Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification and
  - b. 37 TAC, Chapter 441, Continuing Education - A motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to assign the rule review of Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification, and Chapter 441, Continuing Education, to the FFAC Committee for review. Motion carried.
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17. Reports from the Agency Chief:

- c. Update regarding agency duties and responsibilities – Agency Chief Mike Wisko gave a brief report regarding 2 retirements, 13 open positions and new hires for TCFP, Compliance Chief Wallace spoke of the division being split into Inspection and

Investigation and the newly hired employees were introduced. Status update on partnering with IAFF to do Urban Interface Training to firefighters across the state, 2026 Regional Meetings schedule and compliance workshops on the new 1850 standard.

- d. Decision of the Agency Chief in contested cases and consent orders – there was nothing to report.
- e. 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 – 12,577 online exams administered, training approvals, improved record reviews, and audits of online training facilities.
  - 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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18. Discussion on future meeting dates - The next scheduled Commission meeting will be held May 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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19. Executive Session – The Commission entered closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with TCFP Counsel. The Commissioners then reconvened in open session. No action was taken in closed session.

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20. Subjects for future Commission meeting agendas - a motion was made by Commissioner Buford and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to schedule a Commission workshop on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

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21. Adjourn Meeting - Meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Glynn, Presiding Officer                      Date