

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION  
MAY 14, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Presiding Officer Michael Glynn called the May 14, 2026 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 9:00 a.m. at the North Lamar Boulevard Building, 4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

**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			

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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 9:00 a.m. A moment of silence was observed in honor of the 204 firefighters recognized at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial, as well as the 97 fallen brothers and sisters in Texas since the last year, and 107 from previous years. Bill Crews from Garland FD delivered the invocation. The USA and Texas Pledges of Allegiance were recited.

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2. Roll call for a quorum and to excuse Commissioner absences, if any – the roll was called, all Commissioners were present for a quorum, and there were no absences to excuse.

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3. Approve Commission meeting minutes for the February 19, 2026 meeting – a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2026, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Report from the Budget and Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Agency Chief Mike Wisko reported on the agency’s current budget status, certification activity, waiving of military fees, and the self-funded mandate rider. No action was taken.

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5. Reports from fire service interest groups and agencies on matters relating to their specific organizational purposes, functions, activities, and objectives – Reports were given by TEEEX, the Texas Fire Chiefs

Association, the Texas State Association of Firefighters, the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the Texas Fire Marshals Association, the Texas A&M Forest Service, the National Fire Protection Association, the Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts, the Center for Public Safety Excellence, the State Fire Marshal's Office, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

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6. Report from Commission Representative on Texas Homeland Security Council – Commissioner Wade provided a report regarding the February 25, 2026 Texas Homeland Security Council meeting, including an overview of the 2026–2030 Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan signed by the Governor, interim charge priorities related to drone mitigation, hazardous materials transport oversight, and wildfire mitigation strategies. Commissioner Wade noted the next Council meeting is June 17, 2026.
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7. Matters referred to the Commission by the Health and Wellness Committee.

- a. Committee Report – a report was presented by Doug Boeker, Presiding Officer of the Health and Wellness Committee, including a presentation by Dr. Ju-Yeon Hwang of UT Health and Captain Gabe Dominguez of Houston Fire regarding the Texas Firefighter Cancer Study and the need for more firefighters to sign up for the study. The next Health and Wellness Committee meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2026. No action was taken.
  - b. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Heather Hyslop to replace outgoing Committee member Brian O'Neill – a motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner De Villez to appoint Heather Hyslop to the Health and Wellness Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Endorsement of the 2026 National Firefighter Safety Stand-Down – a motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mallinger to endorse the 2026 National Firefighter Safety Stand-Down. Motion passed unanimously.
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8. Matters referred to the Commission by the Firefighter Advisory Committee.

- a. Discussion and possible action on rule review of 37 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification – a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 439 and move the rule forward as a proposal. Motion passed unanimously. This item is scheduled for final adoption at the August 20, 2026 Commission meeting.
- b. Discussion and possible action on rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 441, Continuing Education – Firefighter Advisory Committee (FFAC) Chairman Daniel E. DeYear reported that at the March 5, 2026 FFAC meeting, the Committee referred this review to an ad hoc committee that was created for further input from field experts and stakeholders. This item will return to the FFAC agenda on June 18, 2026. No motion was made.

9. Matter referred to the Commission from the Curriculum and Testing Committee.

- a. Discussion and possible action on updates to the 1030 Fire Plans Examiner Curriculum Manual – a motion was made by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Buford to approve the updates to the Fire Plans Examiner Curriculum Manual. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Discussion and possible action on updates to the 1010 Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Curriculum Manual – a motion was made by Commissioner Mallinger and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the updates to the Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Curriculum Manual. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Discussion and possible action on proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 429, Inspector and Plan Examiner Certification – a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 429 for final adoption. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Discussion and possible action on proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification, §439.1 – a motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Ortega to approve the proposed changes for final adoption. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Discussion and possible action on update regarding Emergency Manager certification development – a report was presented by Pat McAuliffe, Presiding Officer of the Curriculum and Testing Committee. No action was taken. This item is to be placed on the next Commission meeting agenda.

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10. Report from HB1593 Committee – a report was presented by Bill Crews regarding activities of the House Bill 1593 Advisory Committee and progress on matters related to the Committee’s work. They hope to present a draft of the final report at the next Commissioners’ meeting. No action was taken.

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11. Discussion and possible final adoption of proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 427, Training Facility Certification – a motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to approve the final adoption of proposed changes to Chapter 427. Motion passed unanimously.

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12. Discussion and possible final adoption of 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety, §435.33 pursuant to HB 198 – a motion was made by Commissioner Mallinger and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the final adoption of proposed changes. Motion passed unanimously.

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13. Discussion and possible final adoption of proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety – a motion was made by Commissioner Coatney and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the final adoption of proposed changes to Chapter 435. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion and possible final adoption of proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 437, Fees – a motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Coatney to approve the final adoption of proposed changes to Chapter 437. Motion passed unanimously.

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15. Discussion and possible final adoption of proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification, §439.19(b) – a motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Ortega to approve the final adoption of proposed changes to Chapter 439, §439.19(b). Motion passed unanimously.

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16. Discussion and possible action on 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees, Practice and Procedures – Commissioner Coatney provided an overview of proposed changes to the advisory committee application and appointment process discussed during the May 13, 2026 workshop. No action was taken. This item will be brought back for discussion and possible action at the August 2026 workshop and Commission meeting.

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17. Discussion and possible action on the 2025 Injury Report – TCFP Public Information Officer Grace Wilson, presented the 2025 Injury Report. The 2025 Injury Report will be placed on the June 18, 2026, FFAC agenda for recommendations. No action was taken.

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18. Report 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, including a 6 minute training video on inspecting school AEDs, managing virtual meetings, scheduling regional meetings, RTI wildfire course training and drafting the Legislative Appropriation Requests.
- b. Decisions of the Agency Chief in contested cases and consent orders – there was nothing to report.
- c. Status of division functions – Agency Chief Mike Wisko gave a brief report on the division functions for each division as listed below:
  - i. Training Approval and Testing – tests administered, training approvals, record reviews, and online training audits.
  - ii. Certification and 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 requests.
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19. Discussion on future meeting dates: August 19, 2026 (Workshop), August 20, 2026 (Commission Meeting) and November 12, 2026 (Commission Meeting) – The meeting dates were confirmed. No action was taken.

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20. Subjects for future Commission meeting agendas – The Commission identified the following topics for future consideration: 37 TAC, Chapter 463, Advisory Committees, Practice and Procedures (August 2026 workshop and Commission meeting); and the draft report from the HB 1593 Committee regarding behavioral health and suicides.

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22. Adjourn Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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Michael Glynn, Presiding Officer

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