

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer Jim Reidy called the December 14, 2017 meeting of the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Ave., Room 1-104, in Austin, Texas.

Member	Jim Reidy	Michael Wisko*	Amado Cano, Jr.	Ken Swindle	Keith Schmidt
Attendance	Jason Collier	Daniel DeYear	Daniel Buford		

*absent entire meeting

**absent part of meeting

Staff	Tim Rutland	Deborah Cowan	Mark Roughton	Joyce Guinn
	Andrew Lutostanski, Assistant Attorney General			

1. Roll call Presiding Officer Jim Reidy called roll and a quorum was present.

2. Adoption of Minutes A motion was made by Amado Cano, Jr. and seconded by Jason Collier to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2017, fire fighter advisory committee meeting as discussed. The motion carried.

3. Report from Curriculum & Testing Committee Grace Wilson, Curriculum and Testing Program Specialist discussed the updates to the Fire Investigator Curriculum, reference list, course outline and phase outline. After discussion a motion was made by Jason Collier and seconded by Daniel Buford to forward to the commission for approval with changes noted. The motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by Daniel DeYear and seconded by Jason Collier to forward to the commission for approval the reference list updates for Fire Officer III & Fire Officer IV. The motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by Daniel DeYear and seconded by Daniel Buford to forward to the commission for approval the new Fire and Life Safety Educator Curriculum overview, course instructor information, reference list and curriculum outline. The motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by Amado Cano, Jr. and seconded by Daniel Buford to forward to the commission for approval updates to the reference lists for Haz-Mat Awareness, Haz-Mat Operations, Haz-Mat Operations – Mission Specific Competencies, Haz-Mat Incident Commander, and Basic Fire Inspector with changes as noted. The motion carried.

4. 37 TAC, Chapter 451 A motion was made by Keith Schmidt and seconded by Jason Collier to approve the amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 451, §§451.303, 451.307, 451.403 and 451.407 as proposed by the commission. The motion carried.

5. 37 TAC, Chapter 459 A motion was made by Daniel DeYear and seconded by Jason Collier to approve new, 37 TAC, Chapter 459, §§459.1, 459.3, 459.5 as proposed by the commission. The motion carried.

6. 37 TAC, Chapter 429 After discussion, a motion was made by Jim Reidy and seconded by Daniel Buford to recommend to the commission to amend 37 TAC, Chapter 429, Subchapter A, §429.1(e) to insert an exclusion that no plans review or approval can be conducted by personnel certified as Fire Inspector I/II and to strike subsection (f). Then in Subchapter B, §429.201 amend subsection (g) by striking the word “after” and inserting “prior to”. The motion failed, 7 against, 1 absent
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7. Request for rule amendment by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters After discussion, no action necessary. The item will be placed on the agenda for the January 2018 commission meeting for discussion.
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8. Future meeting dates and agenda items The committee scheduled the following dates in 2018 for its meetings: March 8, June 21, September 20, and December 13. All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m.
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9. Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Swindle and seconded by Jason Collier. The motion carried.

Jim Reidy
Presiding Officer