

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding officer Daniel DeYear called the June 20, 2024, meeting of the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee to order at 10:03 a.m. at the North Lamar Boulevard Building, 4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, in Austin, Texas.

### Member Attendance:

Vince Abrigo	Daniel Anderson	Keith Schmidt	Jim Reidy*
Denial Buford	Antonio Ramos	Daniel DeYear	

\*Excused absence

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### Staff present:

Frank King	Amanda Khan	Cliff Grant	Holden Wenger
Rick Wallace	Joyce Guinn	Kenneth Barnett	Grace Wilson

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1. Roll Call – Secretary, Keith Schmidt called roll, and a quorum was present.

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2. Adoption of minutes – A motion was made by Daniel Buford and seconded by Antonio Ramos to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023, Fire Fighter Advisory Committee meeting. The motion carried.

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3. Election of committee officers –

A motion was made by Daniel Buford and seconded by Keith Schmidt to nominate Daniel DeYear for committee chair. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Vince Abrigo and seconded by Daniel DeYear to nominate Daniel Buford as committee vice chair. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Vince Abrigo and seconded by Keith Schmidt to nominate Antonio Ramos as committee secretary. The motion carried.

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4. Discussion and possible action on the injury report – The committee made the following recommendations:

- Set aside one page in the injury report for mental health and reportable lost time due to mental health injury. Reference HB 2143, 86<sup>th</sup> legislature. Even if this year that section on the page is without data, it is a reminder of an acceptable item for departments to report.  
A motion was made by Daniel Anderson and seconded by Vince Abrigo to approve the recommendation. The motion carried.
- An actual mandate for the Commission by rule for injury reporting to the agency regardless of whether it goes to workman's comp or not. Review and comply with 435.23, Fire Department Personnel Injuries. (They want to make it quantifiable)

A motion was made by Daniel Buford and seconded by Antonio Ramos to approve the recommendation. The motion carried.

- Develop a tracking system (create a process) for the agency to collect and track self-reported injuries for former fire protection personnel.

A motion was made by Daniel Anderson and seconded by Keith Schmidt to approve the recommendation. The motion carried.

- Continue to review and practice roadway safety and traffic incident management practices.

A motion was made by Antonio Ramos and seconded by Daniel Buford to approve the recommendation. The motion carried.

- Review all your department's SOPs with a focus on injury prevention, emphasizing skills training and wellness/fitness in the SOPs.

A motion was made by Daniel Buford and seconded by Vince Abrigo to approve the recommendation. The motion carried.

- NFPA 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting as required by state law.

A motion was made by Vince Abrigo and seconded by Daniel Anderson to approve the recommendation. The motion carried.

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5. Discussion and possible action on 37 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 469, Technical Rescue – A motion was made by Kieth Schmidt and seconded by Daniel Buford to approve Chapter 469 with the deletion of 469.7 and 469.207. The motion carried.

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6. Update on Fire Fighter Advisory Committee vacancies and selection process – An update was delivered by Deputy Chief of Professional Standards, Cliff Grant. Amanda agreed to send the brief Chapter 463 constructed by Frank King, General Counsel.

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7. Subjects for future meeting agenda items – The committee would like to continue the discussion regarding cancer and mental health on the next agenda. The committee would also like to discuss the injury report and reporting collaboration between agencies as mentioned in 419.

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8. Future meeting dates – The following dates were set as tentative dates and times: September 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and December 5, 2024, and 10:00 a.m.

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9. Recognition of committee member Keith Schmidt for his service – Daniel DeYear recognized Keith Schmidt for his service to the committee and the Commission and presented him with a plaque.

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10. Adjourn meeting – A motion was made by Daniel Buford and seconded by Antonio Ramos to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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Daniel DeYear  
Presiding Officer