

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding officer Daniel DeYear called the September 26, 2024, meeting of the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee to order at 10:01 a.m. at the North Lamar Boulevard Building, 4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, in Austin, Texas.

Member Attendance:

Vince Abrigo*	Daniel Anderson		
Jim Reidy	Antonio Ramos	Daniel DeYear	

*Excused absence

Staff present:

Frank King	Sami Lepisto	Cliff Grant	Holden Wenger
Rick Wallace	Joyce Guinn	Kenneth Barnett	Grace Wilson

1. Roll Call – Secretary, Antonio Ramos called roll, and a quorum was present.

2. Adoption of minutes – A motion was made by Daniel Anderson and seconded by Antonio Ramos to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024, Fire Fighter Advisory Committee meeting. The motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action on the rule review of Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 403, Criminal Convictions and Eligibility for Certification- A motion was made by Daniel Anderson and seconded by Jim Reidy to forward Chapter 403 to the Commission without changes. The motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action on the rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 421, Standards for Certification– The committee made the following recommendations:

- Consider deleting 421.5 definition for Assistant Chief.
- Add language to 421.5 (28) “includes enclosed area” & “IDLH situations”.
- Change definition in 421.5 (51) (A) (ii) State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association (SFFMA) and throughout Chapter 421.
- Add language throughout Chapter 421 to specify the mandatory certifications vs. the voluntary certifications.

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

5. Discussion on cancer and mental health related to the Texas Fire Service. - A discussion was held by the committee.

6. Continued discussion regarding the injury report and reporting collaboration between agencies as mentioned in the Texas Government Code, Chapter 419. - A discussion was held by the committee.

7. Subjects for future meeting agenda items – Selection on Officer's for the current vacancies on the committee.

8. Future meeting dates – The committee confirmed the next meeting date for December 5th, 2024 at 10:00am.

9. Adjourn meeting – A motion was made by Antonio Ramos and seconded by Jim Reidy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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Daniel DeYear
Presiding Officer