

HOUSE BILL 1593 COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

January 7, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, North Lamar Boulevard Building, Room 140, Austin, Texas

- 1. Roll call and excuse of absences, if any, of Committee members.**
- 2. Approve Minutes from December 15, 2025, meeting.**
- 3. Summary of discussion during December 15 meeting and related topics for the report and possible continued review of HB1593.**
- 4. Discussion and possible action on developing the format of the report to the Legislature.**
- 5. Discussion of recommendations in the report to the Legislature related to Suicide Prevention and Peer Support Programs:**
 - a. Including Social Worker's education in State's Tuition Forgiveness Program.**
 - b. Maintaining a database of trained Behavioral Health Professionals.**
 - c. Creation of clear referral paths for behavioral health matters.**
 - d. Requiring confidentiality for fire protection personnel.**
 - e. Direction for Fire Department Peer Support Teams.**
 - f. Resiliency training for current firefighters and new recruits.**
 - g. Behavioral Health training for Fire Officers.**
 - h. Required continuing education in Behavioral Health.**
 - i. Providing Family training.**
 - j. Reduction of Firefighter Work Hours.**
- 6. Discussion and possible action on sub-committees to develop the various sections of the report.**
- 7. Future Meeting Dates.**
- 8. Future Meeting Agenda Items.**
- 9. Adjourn.**

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1

1. Roll call and excuse of absences, if any, of Committee members.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2

2. Approve Minutes from December 15, 2025, meeting.

**Texas Commission on Fire Protection
House Bill 1593 Advisory Committee Meeting
December 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Member Attendance:

Bill Crews	Karen Padgett*	Manuel Casarez	Amy Ramon
Tammy Boudreaux	Eric Secrest	Susan Gulliver	George Samples*
John Hosea	Alisa McDonald	Lowell Ercanbrack	

*Excused absence

Staff Attendance:

Mike Wisko	Frank King	Yazzy Chavez	Holden Wenger
Grace Wilson	David Greenfield	Cliff Grant	

1. Call to order and excuse absences - Roll call was conducted. Karen Padgett was noted as excused. George Samples was absent with no communication received. A quorum was established.
2. Introduction of members and staff – Committee members and staff introduced themselves and briefly described their professional backgrounds and roles related to fire services, behavioral health, peer support, and public safety. No action was taken.
3. Overview of Texas Commission on Fire Protection – Chief Wisko provided an overview of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. No action was taken.
4. Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary - A motion was made by Eric Secrest and seconded by Amy Ramon to elect Bill Crews as Chair of the House Bill 1593 Advisory Committee. The motion carried. A motion was made by Bill Crews and seconded by Manuel Casarez to elect Eric Secrest as Vice Chair by acclamation. The motion carried. A motion was made by Eric Secrest and seconded by Tammy Boudreaux to elect Amy Ramon as Secretary. The motion carried.
5. Review and Discussion of HB 1593– The Committee reviewed House Bill 1593, including its purpose, authority, and reporting requirements. Discussion focused on the study of suicide prevention and peer support programs in fire departments, and

the required report to the Governor and Legislature by September 1, 2026. No action was taken.

6. Future Meeting Dates – The Committee confirmed January 7, 2026 as the next meeting date.
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7. Future Meeting Agenda Items – The Committee discussed future agenda items, including continued review of House Bill 1593, possible naming of subcommittees regarding topics in the Bill that need to be addressed and development of the Committee’s report to the Legislature. No action was taken.
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8. Adjourn– Meeting was adjourned.

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Presiding Officer

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3

3. Summary of discussion during December 15 meeting and related topics for the report and possible continued review of HB1593.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4

4. Discussion and possible action on developing the format of the report to the Legislature.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6

6. Discussion and possible action on sub-committees to develop the various sections of the report.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7

7. Future Meeting Dates.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8

8. Future Meeting Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9

9. Adjourn.