

**Texas Commission on Fire Protection  
Health and Wellness Committee Meeting Agenda**

**January 8, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

**4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, North Lamar Boulevard Bldg., Room 140, Austin, Texas**

**The Health and Wellness meeting will be held in person at the above location.**

**Agenda:**

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Roll call and excuse of absences, if any, of Committee members.**
- 3. Adoption of the October 23, 2025 Health and Wellness Committee meeting minutes.**
- 4. Status updates and progress reports from assigned Project Workgroups:**
  - a. Sleep**
  - b. Nutrition**
  - c. Cardiac Health**
  - d. Hormones Report**
  - e. Fitness**
  - f. Mental Health**
  - g. Cancer Report**
- 5. Update from the Agency Chief.**
- 6. Discussion and possible action on enhancing fire fighter survivorship resources.**
- 7. Discussion to HB 1639 – update on HHSC Committee’s work.**
- 8. Discussion and possible action related to HB 198.**
- 9. Discussion and possible action on Health and Wellness Committee webpage updates.**
- 10. Discussion on upcoming conferences, symposiums, and training opportunities.**
- 11. Subjects for future agenda items.**
- 12. Future meeting dates.**
- 13. Adjourn.**

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1**

1. Call to order.

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2**

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

### **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3**

3. Adoption of the October 23, 2025 Health and Wellness Committee meeting minutes.

**Texas Commission on Fire Protection  
Health and Wellness Committee Meeting  
October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Member Attendance:

Doug Boeker	Ashley Watson	Brian O'Neil	Michael Anderson
Homer Salinas	Adam Story	Jason Corthell	Michael Mire*
Daniel DeYear	Steven Green	Chris Kahl	

\*Excused absence

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Staff Attendance:

Mike Wisko	Frank King	Yazzy Chavez	Holden Wenger
Grace Wilson	Piyush Manglani		

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1. Call to order - Presiding Officer Doug Boeker called the October 23, 2025 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Health and Wellness Committee meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. at the North Lamar Boulevard Building, 4800 North Lamar Boulevard, Room 140, Austin, Texas.

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2. Roll Call and excuse of absences, if any, of committee members – Doug Boeker called roll, and a quorum was present. A motion was made by Adam Story and seconded by Daniel DeYear to declare an excused absence for Michael Mire. The motion carried.

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3. Adoption of the July 17, 2025 and the January 16, 2025 Health and Wellness Committee meeting minutes – a motion was made by Michael Anderson and seconded by Adam Story to approve the July 17, 2025 and January 16, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

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4. Status updates and progress reports from assigned project work groups:
  - a. Sleep – Brian O'Neill provided an update on sleep-related health issues.
  - b. Nutrition – Ashley Watson reported on educational initiatives.
  - c. Cardiac Health – Doug Boeker shared outreach strategies focused on reducing cardiac-related risks in the fire service.
  - d. Hormones Report – Ashley Watson presented updates on hormone health.
  - e. Fitness – Chris Kahl discussed current progress in defining and promoting functional fitness standards.

- f. Mental Health – Jason Corthell and Adam Story gave an overview to address firefighter mental wellness.
  - g. Cancer report – Homer Salinas reported on the Texas Firefighter Cancer Study.
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5. Update from the Agency Chief - Agency Chief Wisko gave a brief report. No action was taken.

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6. Discussion and possible action on enhancing fire fighter survivorship resources – a motion was made by Adam Story and seconded by Homer Salinas to table this item. The motion carried.

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7. Discussion and possible action related to an update on the HHSC Committee’s work pursuant to HB 1639 on increased incidence of cancer in female firefighters – a brief report was given. No action was taken.

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8. Discussion and possible action related to HB 198 regarding periodic occupational cancer screenings for firefighters – a motion was made by Doug Boeker and seconded by Adam Story to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review the bill further. The motion carried.

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9. Subject for future agenda items – items for future discussion include updating the Health and Wellness Committee webpage to include new resources, developing recommendations for the 2025 Injury report, and creating a standing agenda item to track upcoming conferences and education opportunities.

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10. Schedule future meeting dates – the following meeting dates were set for 2025 and 2026: December 3, 2025 (Ad Hoc Committee will continue discussion on HB 198); January 8, 2026; April 9, 2026; July 9, 2026; October 8, 2026.

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11. Adjourn Meeting - a motion was made by Chris Kahl and seconded by Homer Salinas to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4**

4. Status updates and progress reports from assigned Project Workgroups:

- a. Sleep
- b. Nutrition
- c. Cardiac Health
- d. Hormones Report
- e. Fitness
- f. Mental Health
- g. Cancer Report

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5**

5. Update from the Agency Chief.

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6**

6. Discussion and possible action on enhancing fire fighter survivorship resources.

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7**

7. Discussion to HB 1639 – update on HHSC Committee’s work.

AN ACT

relating to a study on the increased incidence of cancer in female firefighters in this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

(2) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(3) "Registry" means the cancer registry established under Chapter 82, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The department, in collaboration with the commission and using registry information, shall conduct a study on the increased incidence of cancer in female firefighters in this state.

(c) In conducting the study, the department and commission shall, using registry information and data collected from readily available sources, compare cancer rates among female firefighters in this state to cancer rates among other women, focusing on cancers specific to women, including ovarian and breast cancer.

(d) Not later than September 1, 2026:

(1) the department shall prepare and submit to the legislature a written report containing the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or other action; and

(2) the department and commission shall make the

1 report publicly available by posting the report on the agencies'  
2 and registry's respective Internet websites.

3 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2027.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1639 was passed by the House on May 7, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1639 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8**

8. Discussion and possible action related to HB 198.

AN ACT

relating to periodic health screenings for firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Wade Cannon Act.

SECTION 2. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 180.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 180.011. OCCUPATIONAL CANCER SCREENING FOR FIREFIGHTERS. (a) In this section, "firefighter" means an individual defined as fire protection personnel under Section 419.021, Government Code.

(b) A political subdivision that employs firefighters shall offer an occupational cancer screening to each firefighter at no cost to the firefighter in the fifth year of the firefighter's employment, and once every year following the initial screening.

(c) The occupational cancer screening offered under Subsection (b) must be confidential, and in addition to testing for cancer, include:

- (1) a urine test;
- (2) a pulmonary function test;
- (3) an electrocardiogram;
- (4) an infectious disease screening;
- (5) a breast cancer screening;
- (6) a blood test; and
- (7) subject to Subsection (d), a chest x-ray.

1       (d) A firefighter is eligible to receive a chest x-ray  
2 during the screening under this section once every five years.

3       (e) The Texas Commission on Fire Protection shall adopt  
4 rules establishing minimum standards for the screening under this  
5 section using standards developed by the National Fire Protection  
6 Association.

7       (f) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a political subdivision  
8 that employs firefighters is not required to offer a screening  
9 under this section if the political subdivision offers an annual  
10 occupational medical examination under a plan submitted to the  
11 Texas Commission on Fire Protection no later than February 1 of each  
12 year. The plan must be endorsed by a physician and be in  
13 substantial compliance with standards developed by the National  
14 Fire Protection Association. The Texas Commission on Fire  
15 Protection shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

16       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect June 1, 2026.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 198 was passed by the House on May 6, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 198 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9**

9. Discussion and possible action on Health and Wellness Committee webpage updates.

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10**

10. Discussion on upcoming conferences, symposiums, and training opportunities.

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 11**

11. Subjects for future agenda items.

## **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12**

12. Future meeting dates.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13**

13. Adjourn.