

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Steve Tull, at 10:00 a.m. called the April 24, 2014 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

Attending	Elroy Carson Joseph Gonzalez Leonardo Perez	Pat Ekiss John Green Ronald Poynter	Yusuf Farran** Joseph Gutheinz** Steve Tull	Carl Giles John McMakin	John Gillette Robert Moore
					*absent entire meeting **absent part of meeting

Staff	Tim Rutland George Noelke, Assistant Attorney General	Deborah Cowan	Paul Maldonado	Mollie Clakley	Lisa Gonzalez
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Guests	Bernabe Benavides Levi Clements Thomas McMonigle J., Kevin Yates Bobby Copeland Lynn Bizzell Francisco Corona Wade Millsap	Cary Roccaforte Edward Dugosh Clyde Crews, Jr. Kirk Turner Todd Humbarger Jeffrey Ballew Randy Safer Chris Angerer	Robert Barron Billy Knupp Jon Reese Randal Rhodes Paul Siebert Travis Walden Thomas Miller	Mark Lee Justin Seibert Tim Pierson Jessie Gentry Ronnie Tocci Mike Higgins Betty Wilkes	Joey Craddock Ken Dozier Leonard Chan Michelle Blanchette Ronald Krusleski Glenn Deshields Scott Farris
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| 1. Roll call | John Gillette, Secretary called roll and a quorum was present. |
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| 2. Adoption of minutes | A motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 commission meeting was made by Elroy Carson and seconded by Leonardo Perez. The motion carried. |
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| 3. Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting | The Strategic Plan subcommittee met prior to the full commission meeting to discuss the instructions and guidelines for completing the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan. |
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| 4. Subcommittee Reports | No action taken. |
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| 5. Reports from Fire Service | Brief reports were given by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, Texas Fire Chiefs Association, and the National Fire Protection Association. |
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| 6. Report from Fire Service School Advisory Board & TEEX | Commission representative Michael Hunt was unable to attend meeting. |
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7. Report from Homeland Security Council Representative
 Commission Representative, Joseph Gonzalez, informed commissioners the committee met on March 26, 2014 with discussion regarding recommendations to update Homeland Security Strategic Plan for 2015-2020.
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8. New Matters
 None identified
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9. Future meeting dates
 The commission scheduled its next meeting for August 7, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
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10. Fire Fighter Injury Report
 A motion was made by Leonardo Perez and seconded by Ron Poynter to accept the report and submit to the State Fire Marshal's Office for inclusion into the line of duty death (LODD) annual report as discussed. The motion carried.
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11. Higher levels of certification
 A motion was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Carl Giles to approve the additional courses as presented. The motion carried.
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12. Texas Fire Chief's Academy Program
 A motion was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Elroy Carson determining that the Fire Officer III and Fire Officer IV Academy Program is not a viable substitution and omit it in its entirety. The motion carried.
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13. NFPA 1851 Standard
 No action taken.
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14. Life Safety Initiative
 No action taken.
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15. Report regarding commission study on administrative attachment
 Tim Rutland, Interim Executive Director provided a brief update on the study to date.
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16. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
 A. 1. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 421, §421.5, as discussed was made by Leonard Perez and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
 2. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 427, §§427.1, 427.13, 427.18 427.203, 427.301, 427.303, and 427.307, as discussed was made by Carl Giles and seconded by Ron Poynter. The motion carried.

3. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 439, §§439.3, 439.7, and 439.11 as discussed was made by John Gillette and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
 4. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 441, §441.23 as discussed was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Robert Moore. The motion carried.
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1. A motion to propose for publication proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 425, §§425.3, 425.5, 425.7, and 425.11, as discussed was made by Carl Giles and seconded by Leonardo Perez. The motion carried.
 2. A motion to propose for publication the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 429, §429.203, as discussed was made by Joseph Gonzalez and seconded by Elroy Carson. The motion carried.
 3. A motion to propose for publication the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 451, §451.303 and §451.403, as discussed was made by Joseph Gonzalez and seconded by Carl Giles. The motion carried.
 4. A motion to propose for publication the proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 453, §453.203, as discussed was made by Carl Giles and seconded by Joseph Gonzalez. The motion carried.

17. 37 TAC, Chapter 403 After discussion, an ad-hoc committee was formed with Commissioner's John Gillette, and Ron Poynter, agency attorney general representative, and a representative from each of the stakeholder groups to review the law and any subsequent rule changes if necessary. The ad-hoc committee will give a report at the next scheduled commission meeting.

18. Matters from Executive Director

- a. Tim Rutland, Executive Director reported no informal conferences had occurred since the last commission meeting.
- b. A motion was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Robert Moore to approve the section function status reports as submitted. The motion carried.
- c. Mr. Rutland, provided commissioners a handout and discussed the agency's on-line testing issue.

A motion was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by John Gillette to direct the executive director to move forward on RFP's for all three of the proposals as presented or whichever he deems best and present that to the commissioners at the next meeting. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Pat Ekiss and seconded by Ron Poynter to direct the executive director to move forward on Option 2 as presented on the handout by the director to include RFP costs if necessary and to be completed in 4-6 months. The motion carried.

19. Executive Session Presiding Officer, Steve Tull called for the Executive Session at 4:40 p.m.

20. Open Session Presiding Officer called for open session at 5:04 p.m. No action taken.

21. Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by John McMakin and seconded by Leonardo Perez. The motion carried.

Steve Tull, Presiding Officer