

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, J. P. Steelman, at 10:00 a.m. called the October 28, 2021, meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

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| Attending | Chris Cantu<br>Mike Jones<br>J. P. Steelman | David Coatney<br>Clyde Loll<br>Kelly Vandygriff* | Sue De Villez<br>Bob Morgan<br>Rusty Wilson | Michael Glynn<br>Mala Sharma** | Paul Hamilton<br>Tim Smith* |
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\*absent entire meeting

\*\*absent part of meeting

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| Staff | Mike Wisko<br>Paul Maldonado | Deborah Cowan<br>Rosalind Hunt, Assistant Attorney General | Grace Wilson | Cliff Grant | Tara Youngblood |
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Guests      See Guest List attached.

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| 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance | The invocation was given by Chaplain Adam Winningham and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Presiding Officer, J. P. Steelman. |
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| 2. Roll call and excuse of Commissioner absences | Secretary, Bob Morgan called the roll, and a quorum was present.<br>A motion was made by Paul Hamilton and seconded by Mike Jones to excuse the absences of Commissioners Kelly Vandygriff and Tim Smith. The motion carried. |
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| 3. Recognition of Retiring employee | Commissioners and agency staff recognized employee Paul Maldonado on his retirement. |
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| 4. Adoption of Minutes | A motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 & July 15, 2021, commission meeting was made by Mike Jones and seconded by David Coatney. The motion carried. |
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| 5. Report from Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee | No action necessary. |
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| 6. Reports from Interest Groups | A brief report was given by the Texas Fire Chief's Association, Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, State Firefighter's and Fire Marshals' Office, Texas A&M Forest Service, National Fire Protection Association, Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D), and Center for Public Safety Excellence. |
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| 7. Subjects for future meeting agendas | certification process for out-of-state (timeline) |
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| 8. Future meeting Dates | The commission scheduled the following meeting dates for 2022:<br>January 19 (workshop), January 20 commission meeting; April 21 commission meeting<br>July 13 (workshop) July 14 commission meeting; and October 27 commission meeting |
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9. Report from Homeland Security Council Representative  
No report given. Agency representative was unavailable to attend commission meeting.
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10. Report from Health and Wellness Ad Hoc Committee  
No report given.
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11. Report from Curriculum and Testing Committee  
Pat McCauliff, committee Chair gave a brief report. After discussion, a motion was made to appoint Harold "Buddy" Rice and Douglas Matthijetz to the committee. The motion carried.
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12. Update from Chapter 427 & Chapter 435 Ad-hoc committees  
Chair, Paul Hamilton gave a brief report on committee progress on the review of Chapter 427 and Chair, Mike Jones gave a brief report on committee progress on the review of Chapter 435. No action necessary.
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13. Final Adoption of proposed amendments  
1. A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by David Coatney to approve for final adoption amendments to §421.1 as discussed. The motion carried.  
2. A motion was made by Chris Cantu and seconded by Paul Hamilton to approve for final adoption amendments to §441.5 as discussed. The motion carried.
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14. Request from Brandon Seery  
Mr. Seery was unable to attend meeting. Request will be added to the next scheduled commission meeting.
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15. 37 TAC, Chapter 437, Fees  
A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Bob Morgan to approve for publication amendments to §437.15 as discussed. The motion carried.
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16. 37 TAC, Chapter 455, Minimum Standards For Wildland Protection Certification  
A motion was made by Paul Hamilton and seconded by Russell Wilson to approve for publication amendments to §455.3 as discussed. The motion carried.
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17. Rule Reviews  
1. A motion was made by Bob Morgan and seconded by Mike Jones to send to the fire fighter advisory committee for review and recommendations. The motion carried.  
2. After discussion, a motion was made by David Coatney and seconded by Mike Jones to review rules for Chapters 403, 423, 425 and 439 at the January 2022 workshop. The motion carried.
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18. Report from ad-hoc committee regarding advisory committees      No action taken. After discussion, item will be added to the January 2022 workshop agenda.
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19. Fee amount for certificates      After discussion, topic will be added to the January 2022 workshop agenda
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20. Matters from Agency Chief
- a. Mike Wisko, Agency Chief informed the commissioners the agency had no contested cases or consent orders to report.
  - b. Mr. Wisko, reported on Form F-5 Separation of License. Executive Director Kim Vickers from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement gave a report on the issue. After discussion no action was taken.
  - c. Mr. Wisko provided commissioners the new agency organizational chart, reported on agency regional meetings conducted to date, provided information on plan to review the Sunset recommendations, and reported on agency division functions.
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21. Executive Session
- Presiding Officer, J. P. Steelman called for an Executive Session at 2:09 p.m. and closed executive session at 2:38 p.m.
- Presiding Officer, J. P Steelman called the commission back into open session at 2:40 p.m.
- A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Michael Glynn, Jr. to approve a pay increase for the agency chief to \$140,000 annually to bring it into line with similar size state agencies and which would remain within the range stipulated by the General Appropriations Act. The motion carried.
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22. Adjournment      A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Morgan and seconded by Rusty Wilson. The motion carried.

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J. P. Steelman, Presiding Officer

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Meeting Commission

Date 10/28/21

**NAME**

**ORGANIZATION**

**CITY, STATE**

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| Lynwood Dunsieith | San Jacinto College | Pasadena, TX        |
| JOSEPH BRYSAN     | SAN JACINTO COLLEGE | PASADENA, TX.       |
| Ernie Nunn        | TCRP                | Magnolia TX         |
| James Makinger    | City of Cedar Park  | Cedar Park, TX      |
| Adam Winningham   | Huntsville FD       | Huntsville, TX      |
| Dirk Daniel       | Huntsville F.D.     | Huntsville, TX      |
| JOE WILLIAMSON    | EASTLAND FD         | EASTLAND, TX        |
| Chris Angerer     | TEEX                | College Station, TX |
| SPRIAN CANADY     | DFW                 | DFW AIRPORT         |
| Gregory Moulton   | DFW TBS fire        | DFW AIRPORT         |
| ROBERT WILLIAMS   | Brenham FD          | Brenham TX.         |
| Richard Gurney    | Bryan FD            | Bryan TX            |
| Vivian Cowley     | Irving FD           | Irving TX           |
| Thomas McMonigle  | Paris FO            | Paris, TX           |
| Chad Graves       | Reno FD             | Paris, TX           |
| Tim Nicholson     | Cactus FO           | Cactus, TX          |

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Meeting Commissioner's Meeting

Date 10-28-21

| NAME             | ORGANIZATION                       | CITY, STATE           |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| David Gifford    | LaPorta Fire Dept.                 | LaPorta TX 77571      |
| Chas Humphreys   | North Hous Fire Rescue/ALCSDB      | Dripping Springs TX   |
| Freddy Rolon     | Kyle Fire Dept.                    | Kyle, TX              |
| Karl Kuhlman     | San Marcos Fire Dept.              | San Marcos, TX        |
| Ray Athie        | Lake Worth FD                      | Lake Worth, TX        |
| Frank Tamayo     | Bedford FD                         | Bedford TX            |
| JAMES RICHARDSON | BEDFORD FIRE                       | BEDFORD TX            |
| David Branger    | Pasadena FMO                       | Pasadena TX 77506     |
| Gilbert Robinson | PASADENA FMO                       | PASADENA TX 77506     |
| H. Joe Sykes     | Tomball Fire                       | Tomball, TX 77375     |
| Les Stephens     | SAN MARCOS FIRE DEPT               | San Marcos, TX, 78666 |
| Julie Davis      | Office of the Gov. Reg. Compliance | Austin, TX            |
| Eric J. Neal     | Balch Springs F.D.                 | Balch Springs TX      |
| NORTHY S. DAVIS  | VAN ZANDT COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL      | CANTON, TX            |
| David Meryman    | La Meryman Fire Dept               | La Meryman TX 79568   |
| John Saline      | Alton Fire Dept.                   | Alton TX 75572        |

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| NAME                 | ORGANIZATION         | CITY, STATE     |
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| Gabrian Pena         | Alton F.D.           | Alton / TX      |
| Emilio Ledesma       | Alton F.D.           | Alton / TX      |
| Hermilo Longoria Jr. | Alton F.D.           | Alton, TX       |
| Jason Paradise       | Wise County GSD #1   | Boyd, TX        |
| Rodney Robertson     | Parker County ESD 7  | Weatherford TX. |
| Dannick Gossain      | Baytown Fire         | Baytown TX.     |
| SCOTT MYERS          | ANGLINGTON FD        | Angleton TX     |
| Ken Krueger          | Comroe FID           | Comroe, TX      |
| WALTER PRESTON       | FORT BEND COUNTY FMO | Richmond TX.    |
| Mike Galloway        | Borger Fire          | Borger TX       |
| David Zeiger         | Texas A&M University | Humble, TX      |
| JAMES MYKAZA         | City of Humble CMO   | Humble, TX      |
| Daniel DeYear        | Dallas FD FFAC       | Dallas TX       |
| Eloy Vega            | Port Neches FD       | Port Neches, TX |
| Marty Wade           | Sachs Fire-Rescue    | Sachs, TX       |
| David Galloway       | TCOF                 | Austin, TX      |

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| NAME           | ORGANIZATION                                      | CITY, STATE        |
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| Pat McAuliffe  | Collin College                                    | McKinney, TX       |
| Sam Stacks     | Spice wood FR/BCCS09                              | Spice wood, TX     |
| Jacob Smith    | ELESS FO  | ELESS TX           |
| MICHAEL WEHMAN | NEW BRAUNFELS FA                                  | NEW BRAUNFELS, TX  |
| Keith Gull     | FRISCO FD   | FRISCO TX          |
| Will Tramel    | FRISCO FO   | FRISCO TX          |
| Brad Sebastian | Denton County Emergency Services                  | Denton TX          |
| LEWMAN CHAN    | Center for Public Safety Excellence / Houston FIS | HOUSTON TX         |
| CARL NIX       | CITY OF MELISSA FIRE                              | MELISSA TX         |
| JOEL BAKER     | AUSTIN FIRE DEPT                                  | AUSTIN TX          |
| DOUG BOOKER    | SUGAR LAND FIRE                                   | SUGAR LAND TX      |
| MARCO CHAVEZ   | SUGAR LAND FIRE                                   | SUGAR LAND TX      |
| KENTON CANN    | ROBERTSON SP                                      | ROBERTSON, TX      |
| Gabriel Vargas | Farmers Branch Fire                               | Farmers Branch, TX |
| Justin Bell    | Dallas Fire-Rescue                                | Dallas, TX         |
| Troy (DiPaola) | Dallas Fire-Rescue                                | Dallas, TX         |

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| BART CHAMBERS   | WESTON FIRE & RESCUE   | WESTON, TX         |
| Charlie Seizer  | DFR                    | Dallas TX          |
| Mark Lee        | Garland FA             | Garland TX         |
| MARIO PARTIDA   | MISSOURI CITY FD.      | MISSOURI CITY TX   |
| SAM GREIF       | PLANO FIRE DEPT.       | SPRING PHOENIX     |
| ADRIAN GARRA    | REEVES CO. ESO 1       | REEVES, TX         |
| Jim Downs       | Fort Worth FD          | FW TX              |
| Wes Mouchard    | Texas A&M Forest Guard | College Station TX |
| Al Davis        | Texas A&M Forest Guard | College Station TX |
| Mose D...       | Briar-Rescue FD        | Austin TX          |
| CLAY ARMY       | SAFE - D               | FLORIANVILLE, TX   |
| Bobby Kipston   | Downview Fire/EMS      | PHOENIX, TX        |
| Norman Langwell | Needham Fire Rescue    | Conroe, TX         |
| JAMES KUBINSKI  | KILLEEN FIRE DEPT.     | KILLEEN, TX        |
| Jim K...        | ISAFF                  | AUSTIN             |