

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION MEETING

Presiding Officer, J. P. Steelman, called the October 26, 2023, meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 10:00 a.m. at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

Attending: Chris Cantu* David Coatney Kelly Vandygriff Michael Glynn Paul Hamilton
Bob Morgan Tim Smith Amanda Friedeck J. P. Steelman Sue DeVillez
Mike Jones Rusty Wilson

*Excused absence

Staff: Mike Wisko Holden Wenger Sami Lepisto Barbara Allen Frank King
Amanda Khan Ashley Barnett Cliff Grant Grace Wilson Robert Reese Daniel Reed

Guests: *See Guest List attached.*

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Commissioner Rusty Wilson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Presiding Officer J. P. Steelman.

2. Roll call and excusing of Commissioner absences. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Minutes. A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by David Coatney to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023, Commission meeting. The motion carried.

4. Recognition of Mala Sharma for her service to TCFP. Mala Sharma attended, and recognition of her service was announced. A plaque was presented to her by J.P. Steelman and Mike Wisko.

5. Report from Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee. Committee Chair Bob Morgan explained the report relating to recommendations developed by the Subcommittee including modifications to the Agency's operating budget and strategic plan.

6. Reports from Interest Groups. Reports were given by TEEEX, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, the State Fire Fighters and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, Texas A&M Forest Service, the Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts, the Center for Public Safety Excellence, and the State Fire Marshal's Office.
7. Report from Homeland Security Council. A brief report was given by Commissioner Kelly Vandygriff.
8. Report from Health & Wellness. No report was given.
9. Subjects for future meeting agendas. Discussion and possible action on 37 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 463 - Advisory Committees. Discussion and possible action regarding filling the current vacancies on Committees.
10. Future meeting dates. The Commission announced the next workshop date for February 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., and the Commission meeting on February 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The Commission set future dates for a workshop on May 15, 2024, a Commission meeting on May 16, 2024, a workshop on August 14, 2024, a Commission meeting on August 15, 2024, and a Commission meeting on November 21, 2024.
11. Discussion and possible action on 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 421 - Standards for Certification. A motion was made by Mike Jones and seconded by David Coatney to adopt the proposed changes to 37 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 421, §421.1 and §421.3 - Standards for Certification. The motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action on 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 403 - Criminal Convictions and Eligibility for Certification. A motion was made by Kelly Vandygriff and seconded by Bob Morgan to adopt 37 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 403 - Criminal Convictions and Eligibility for Certification without changes. The motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action on 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 463 - Advisory Committees. A motion was made by Paul Hamilton and seconded by David Coatney to adopt the proposed new rule 37 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 463 - Advisory Committees - without changes. The motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action on 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 439 - Examinations for Certification - matrix 439.19. A motion was made by David Coatney and seconded by Rusty Wilson to adopt proposed changes to 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 439 - Examinations for Certification - matrix §439.19(b).

15. Discussion and possible action on matters referred by the Fire Fighters Advisory Committee. A. A motion was made by Rusty Wilson and seconded by Michael Glynn to approve for submission to the Texas Register, subject to approval by the Governor's Office, proposed new rule 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 469 - Technical Rescue - without changes. The motion carried.
B. A motion was made by Micheal Glynn and seconded by Rusty Wilson to approve the rule review of 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 495 - Regulation of Nongovernmental Departments. The motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action on 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 467 - Fire Marshall - as referred from the Curriculum and Testing Committee. A motion was made by Kelly Vandygriff and seconded by David Coatney to approve for submission to the Texas Register, subject to approval by the Governor's Office, 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 467 - Fire Marshall - without changes. The motion carried.
17. Discussion and possible action on filling the current vacancies on the Committees. A motion was made by Micheal Glynn and seconded by Mike Jones to table this item until the February 2024 Commission meeting. The motion carried.
18. Matters from the Agency Chief. A. Agency Chief, Mike Wisko, gave an update on agency duties and responsibilities.
B. Chief Wisko reported that there were no contested cases.
C. Chief Wisko reported the status of division functions.
19. Personal matters regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Agency Chief. No matters discussed.
20. Adjourn Meeting The motion was made by Michael Glynn and seconded by David Coatney to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

J.P. Steelman, Presiding Officer