



**CITY OF AUSTIN  
FIRE FIGHTERS', POLICE OFFICERS AND  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
(Monday, May 26, 2015)**

The City of Austin Firefighters', Police Officers and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission convened in a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the Learning and Research Center located at 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Austin, Texas 78719.

**Commission Chair Gary Cobb called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Gary Cobb, Commission Chair  
Eyna Canales-Zarate, Commission Member

**Staff in Attendance:**

Barry Cook, Civil Service Administrator  
Guillermo Mireles, Civil Service Coordinator  
Patricia Bourenane, Civil Service Coordinator

**Others in Attendance:**

Monika Arvelo, Assistant City Attorney  
Battalion Chief Mark Matt Cox, AFD

AFD Fire Personnel

Duane Carter	Sean Coggin
Demetrius Countouriotis	David Daniel
Cynthia Frost	Nathan Hager
Gregory Harris	Don Hoffman
Steve Hope	Harold Kelly
Thomas Kuhn	Joshua Lake
Michael LaMure	John McKinney
Tracy McNair	Daniel Oliver
Eduardo Perez	Matthew Robinson
Michael Reush	Richard Vecchione
Lisa Watts-Madolora	Michael Ward
Brian Wolske	

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2015, were approved. Commission Member Canales-Zarate moved to approve the minutes and Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the request of an extension by the three-member board to evaluate applicant Elliot Rodriguez pursuant to Rule 5 of the City of Austin Fire Fighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the request of an extension by the three-member board pursuant to evaluate applicant Kenneth Thorpe to Rule 5 of the City of Austin Fire Fighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the request of an extension by the three-member board pursuant to evaluate applicant Michael Collins to Rule 5 of the City of Austin Fire Fighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.
  - Commission Member Canales-Zarate moved to approve the three separate extension requests, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
- a. Hear and decide any appeals from the Fire Lieutenant Written Exam administered on April 30, 2015 pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.034 and Rule 7 of the City of Austin Fire Fighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's' Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.
  - Question 13: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 22: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 47: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 57: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 66: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.

- Question 99: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
- b. Hear and decide any appeals from the Fire Specialist Written Exam administered on May 5, 2015 pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.034 and Rule 7 of the City of Austin Fire Fighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's' Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.
- Question 6: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 22: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 25: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 27: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 42: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 44: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 47: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 51: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 64: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 77: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.
  - Question 97: Commission Member Canales-Zarate made the motion to deny the appeal, Commission Chair Cobb seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.

### **3. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Civil Service Administrator Barry Cook provided a staff report on the status of hearings and exams.

**4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None.

**5. ADJOURN**

Chair Cobb adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. without objection.