



**MINUTES for
Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Personnel's Civil Service Commission
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 2, 2018**

The Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018 at the Learning and Research Center, 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Austin, TX 78719.

Civil Service Commission Vice Chair Thomas called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Commission Vice Chair Jolsna Thomas
Commission Member Eyna Canales-Zarate

Staff in Attendance:

Barry Cook, Civil Service Administrator
Mecia Griffin, Civil Service Coordinator
Michael Sullivan, Civil Service Coordinator
Ann Skowronski, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Cronig, Assistant City Attorney
Ernesto Rodriguez, Chief, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services
Traci Hardy, Commander, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services
Jason Pickett, Deputy Medical Director, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services

CALL TO ORDER

Civil Service Commission Vice Chair Thomas called the Board Meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes from the Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission regular meeting of May 7, 2018.

The minutes from the meeting of May 7, 2018, were approved on Commission Member Canales-Zarate's motion and Commission Vice Chair Thomas' second, on a 2-0 vote.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider and act upon Emergency Medical Services Department Chief Ernesto Rodriguez's request to certify a Medic I-Communications Cadet Eligibility List in accordance with Article 13, Section 2(c) of the Agreement between the Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Association and the City of Austin.

Commission Member Canales-Zarate made a motion, seconded by Commission Vice Chair Thomas, to certify a Medic I-Communications Cadet Eligibility List in accordance with Article 13, Section 2(c) of the Agreement between the Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Association and the City of Austin. The motion was approved on 2-0 vote.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the request of an Police Department candidate to the Commission to appoint a three-member board per Chapter 143.022(c) of the Texas Local Government Code (LGC) for another mental or physical examination. (Jonathan Odom)

Commission Member Canales-Zarate made a motion to appoint three-member boards per Chapter 143.022(c) LGC for another mental or physical examination of an Austin Police candidate. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Thomas. The motion to appoint three-member boards per Chapter 143.022(c) LGC for another mental or physical examination of an Austin Police candidate was approved on 2-0 vote.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the request of an Austin Fire Department candidate to the Commission to appoint a three-member board per Chapter 143.022(c) LGC for another mental or physical examination. (Homero Contreras)
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding the request of an Austin Fire Department candidate to the Commission to appoint a three-member board per Chapter 143.022(c) LGC for another mental or physical examination. (Jared Bahner)

Items 2 c and d were taken up together.

Commission Member Canales-Zarate made a motion to appoint three-member boards per Chapter 143.022(c) LGC for another mental or physical examination of Austin Fire candidates. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair. The motion to approve appointment of three-member boards per Chapter 143.022(c) LGC for another mental or physical examination of Austin Fire candidates was approved on 2-0 vote.

- e. Hear and act upon the Emergency Medical Services Department Chief Ernesto Rodriguez' March 20, 2018 request for the involuntary demotion of ATCEMS Captain - Field Bret Burke to Medic II - Field.

Commission Member Canales-Zarate made a motion that the Commission upholds Emergency Medical Services Department Chief Ernesto Rodriguez' March 20, 2018 request for the involuntary demotion of ATCEMS Captain - Field Bret Burke to Medic II - Field. Commission Vice Chair Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Report from the Civil Service Office regarding exam processes, disciplinary hearings and fit for duty actions.

The report was given by Michael Sullivan, Civil Service Coordinator.

- b. Future Meeting Schedule

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No members of the public signed up as speakers.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Canales-Zarate made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Thomas seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am to no objection.