



**MINUTES for
Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Personnel's Civil Service Commission
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 7, 2019**

The Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019 at Town Lake Center Assembly Room 130, 721 Barton Springs Rd. Austin, TX 78704

Board Members in Attendance:

Commission Vice Chair Jolsna Thomas
Commission Member Ronald Morgan
Commission Member Eyna Canales-Zarate

Staff in Attendance:

Barry Cook, Civil Service Commissioner
Mecia Griffin, Civil Service Coordinator

Michael Sullivan, Civil Service Coordinator
Ann Skowronski, Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Civil Service Commission Vice Chair Jolsna Thomas called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:03 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 December 3, 2018.

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2018, were approved on Commission Member Morgan's motion and Commission Vice Chair Thomas' second, on a 3-0 vote.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to have Fire Captain Matthew Rush's name stricken from the 2017 Promotional Eligibility List for the rank of Fire Battalion Chief, Pursuant to Civil Service Commission Rule 7.21.

A motion to approve this request was made by Commission Member Canales-Zarate, Commission Member Morgan second on a 3-0 vote.

- b. Hear and rule on appeal(s) from the 2018 Police Sergeant written promotional examination administered on December 17, 2018 pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.034, Article 13 of the Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Police Association and Rule 7 of the City of Austin Fire Fighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.

Commission Member Morgan moved to approve the appeal on exam question 50, giving all exam takers credit for the question. Commission Member Canales-Zarate seconded the motion. The motion to approve the appeal of question 50 was approved 3-0.

- c. Selection of a chair and vice chair. Per Chapter 143.006, Section (e) of the Texas Local Government Code, each January the members shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman.

Commission Member Canales-Zarate made a motion to nominate Commission Vice Chair Jolsna Thomas to serve as Commission Chair and to nominate Commission Member Morgan to serve as Commission Vice Chair. Commission Member Morgan seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

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 Civil Service Administrator Barry Cook.

- b. Review of Commission Rules and Regulations: RULE 4 – COMMISSION MEETINGS.

The report was given by Civil Service Administrator Barry Cook

- c. Future Meeting Schedule

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Carlos Leon spoke to the Commission regarding Capital Metro bus drivers and Austin police officers, recommending that Austin Police Department include public transportation rules and regulations in their promotional testing standards.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Vice Chair Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commission Member Canales-Zarate seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am to no objection.