

# CITY OF AUSTIN FIRE FIGHTERS' AND POLICE OFFICERS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012)

The City of Austin Firefighters' & Police Officers Civil Service Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Boards and Commissions Room, in Austin, Texas.

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

#### **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Gary Cobb Stephen Edmonds Herbert Martinez

## **Staff in Attendance:**

Mark Washington, Civil Service Director Karen Sharp, Assistant Director Barry Cook, Civil Service Administrator Beverly Stephens, Assistant City Attorney

# Others in Attendance:

Firefighters speaking in support of appeals and in support of questions

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**a.** The minutes from the special called meeting of March 2, 2012 were approved on Commission Member Stephen Edmonds' motion and Commission Member Herbert Martinez' second. The vote passed 3-0-0.

## 2. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Heard appeals from the Fire Specialist Written Exam administered on April 23, 2012 pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.034, Article 16 of the Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Fire Association and Rule 7 of the City of Austin Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. On commission member Herbert Martinez' motion and commission member Edmonds' second the commission allowed answers A and B to be counted as correct responses for question 29. The vote passed 3-0-0. On

commission member Herbert Martinez' motion and Stephen Edmonds' second the commission decided to allow answers C and D to be counted as correct on question 64. The vote passed 3-0-0. The Certified list was signed by the Commission members.

#### 3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

**a.** Barry Cook, City of Austin Civil Service Administrator, provided a staff report on the status of Police promotional exams, upcoming Assessment Centers. He also briefed the Commission regarding the upcoming disciplinary hearings for three (3) police officers and one promotional bypass hearing. He updated the Commission regarding the Civil Service Office's role and involvement with the Fire Department's initial hiring process, as well as the April, 2012 Fire promotional exams for the ranks of Fire Specialist, Lieutenant, and Captain.

## 4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

## 5. ADJOURN

On Stephen Edmonds' motion and Herbert Martinez' second, commission member Gary Cobb adjourned the meeting at 10:10AM without objection.