



**Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Personnel's Civil Service Commission  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 25, 2017**

The Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2017 at City Hall, Boards and Commission room in Austin, Texas.

**Civil Service Commission Chair Eyna Canales-Zarate called the Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Commission Chair Eyna Canales-Zarate  
Commission Vice Chair Andrew Harris

**Staff in Attendance:**

Barry Cook, Civil Service Administrator  
Guillermo Mireles, Civil Service Coordinator  
Mecia Griffin, Civil Service Coordinator  
Monika Arvelo, Assistant City Attorney  
Michael Cronig, Assistant City Attorney  
Cristina Pezulich, Paralegal  
Bob Nicks, Austin Firefighters Association Union President  
Greg Pope, Fire Captain  
Matt Bachop, Appellant Attorney  
Daryl Burns, Fire Specialist  
Aaron Woolverton, Fire Assistant Chief  
Les Mckay, Fire Battalion Chief  
Tom Stribling, Acting Chief Labor Relations  
Bassil Ally, Assistant City Attorney  
Tony Marquardt, Austin Travis County Association President

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of January 17, 2017, were approved on Commission Vice Chair Harris' motion, Commission Chair Canales-Zarate second on a 2-0 vote.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Consider and act upon a request to postpone the disciplinary appeal hearing of Fire Specialist Ryan Thompson before the Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission no later than April 3, 2017.

- **Commission Vice Chair Harris made the motion to postpone the disciplinary hearing. Commission Chair Canales-Zarate second the motion and the motion pass 2-0 to postpone the disciplinary appeal hearing for Fire Specialist Ryan Thompson no later than April 3, 2017.**
- b. Consider and act upon a request to postpone the disciplinary appeal hearing of Fire Lieutenant Jamie Baxter before the Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission no later than April 3, 2017.
- **Commission Vice Chair Harris made the motion to postpone the disciplinary hearing. Commission Chair Canales-Zarate second the motion and the motion pass 2-0 to postpone the disciplinary appeal hearing for Fire Lieutenant Jamie Baxter no later than April 3, 2017.**
- c. Hear and act upon a disciplinary appeal from Fire Specialist Daryl Burns before the Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission for a 4-hour suspension.
- **Commission Vice Chair Harris made the motion to sustain the charge against Fire Specialist Daryl Burns. Commission Chair Eyna Canales-Zarate second the motion, and the motion pass 2-0 to sustain the decision of the Fire Chief to temporarily suspend Fire Specialist Burns for a period of four (4) hours.**
- d. Hear and act upon a disciplinary appeal from Fire Specialist Daryl Burns before the Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission for a 2-day suspension.
- **Commission Vice Chair Harris made the motion to sustain the charge against Fire Specialist Daryl Burns, however reduce the temporary suspension to a period of eight (8) hours. Commission Chair Eyna Canales-Zarate second the motion, and the motion pass 2-0 to sustain the decision of the Fire Chief to temporarily suspend Fire Specialist Burns but reduce the temporary suspension to a period of eight (8) hours.**
- e. Hear and act upon a disciplinary appeal from Fire Lieutenant Gregory Pope before the Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission for a 3-hour suspension.
- **Commission Vice Chair Harris made the motion to sustain the charge against Fire Lieutenant Pope. Commission Chair Canales-Zarate second the motion and the motion pass 2-0 to sustain the decision of the Fire Chief to temporarily suspend Lieutenant Pope for a period of three (3) hours.**

### 3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

The presentation was made by Barry Cook, Civil Service Administrator.

### 4. ADJOURN

Commission Chair Canales-Zarate adjourned the meeting without objection.