



**MINUTES for  
Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Personnel's Civil Service Commission  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
Monday, April 13, 2020**

The Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission convened in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020 via teleconference at 5202 East Ben White Boulevard, Building 500, Room 249 Austin TX 78741

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Commission Chair Jolsna Thomas  
Commission Vice Chair Eyna Canales-Zarate

**Staff in Attendance:**

Barry Cook, Civil Service Administrator  
Michael Sullivan, Civil Service Coordinator  
Mecia Griffin, Civil Service Coordinator  
Ann Skowronski, Assistant City Attorney  
Paul Matula, Assistant City Attorney  
Joel Baker, Fire Chief  
Randall Gunn, Battalion Chief

Matthew Holmes, Battalion Chief  
Peter Teliha, Battalion Chief  
Michael Geraty, Fire Captain  
Cristina Pezulich, Paralegal  
Matthew Harvey, Firefighter

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Civil Service Commission Chair Thomas called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**No members of the public signed up to speak on this item.**

**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 February 10, 2020.

**The minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2020, were approved on Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate's motion, Commission Chair Thomas' second on a 2-0 vote.**

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the request of an Austin Fire Department candidate to the Commission to appoint three-member boards per Chapter 143.022(c) LGC for another mental or physical examination. (Gonzalo Herrera)

**Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate made a motion to approve the order. Commission Chair Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2-0.**

- b. Hear and act upon a disciplinary appeal from Firefighter Matthew Harvey before the Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission for a 4-day suspension.

**The hearing commenced. Commission Chair Thomas requested and Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate made a motion to resume hearing the appeal on May 5, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commission Chair Thomas. The motion to resume the hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 was approved on 2-0 vote.**

**Matt Bachop, attorney for the appellant, noted for the record that appellant did not agree with the motion, and Chair Thomas acknowledged the comment by Mr. Bachop.**

## **3. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

## **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commission Chair Thomas seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.**