



**MINUTES for
Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Personnel's Civil Service Commission
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 4, 2021**

The Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021 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

Commission Member Farah Ahmed

Staff in Attendance:

Monika Arvelo, Assistant Director
Michael Sullivan, Civil Service Coordinator

April Shaw, Municipal Civil Service Coordinator
Ann Skowronski, Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Civil Service Commission Chair Thomas called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 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 Special Called Meeting of July 9, 2021.

The minutes from the Special Called Meeting of July 9, 2021, were approved on Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate motion, Commission Member Ahmed's second, on a 3-0 vote.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Hear and rule on appeal(s) from the 2021 Fire Specialist written promotional examination administered on June 29, 2021, pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.034, Article 16 of the Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Firefighters Association Local 975, 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 Ahmed motioned to approve the appeal. The motion failed for lack of second. Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate moved to deny the appeal of exam question 8, and let the question remain as keyed. Commission Member Ahmed seconded the motion. The motion to deny the appeal of question 8 was approved 3-0.

Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate moved to deny the appeal of exam question 22, and let the question remain as keyed. Commission Member Ahmed seconded the motion. The motion to deny the appeal of question 22 was approved 3-0.

Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate moved to approve the appeal of exam question 33, and allow all answers keyed to receive credit for the question. Commission Member Ahmed seconded the motion. The motion to grant the appeal of question 33 was approved 3-0.

Commission Member Ahmed moved to deny the appeal of exam question 82, and let the question remain as keyed. Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate seconded the motion. The motion to deny the appeal of question 82 was approved 3-0.

Commission Member Ahmed moved to deny the appeal of exam question 94, and let the question remain as keyed. Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate seconded the motion. The motion to deny the appeal of question 94 was approved 3-0.

- b. Discussion and possible action on EMS Interim Chief Jasper Brown’s request to have Medic Patrick Thomas’ name stricken from the 2021 Promotional Eligibility List for the rank of Clinical Specialist-Field, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 143.036 (g).

Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate made a motion to approve this request, Commission Member Ahmed seconded the motion and the request to have Medic Patrick Thomas’ name stricken from the 2021 Promotional Eligibility List for the rank of Clinical Specialist-Field was approved on a 3-0 vote.

- c. Approve Commission meeting dates for calendar year 2022.

Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2022. Commissioner Ahmed second, the motion was approved 3-0. Dates approved:

Monday, January 3, 2022
Monday, February 7, 2022
Monday, March 7, 2022
Monday, April 4, 2022

Monday, May 2, 2022
Monday, June 6, 2022
Monday, August 1, 2022
Monday, October 3, 2022

Monday, November 7, 2022
Monday, December 5, 2022

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

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

Michael Sullivan, Civil Service Coordinator, delivered the briefing to the Commission.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Future Meetings Schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Vice Chair Canales-Zarate made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commission Member Ahmed seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.