

TEXAS COMMISSION OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

Meeting of September 10, 2020
Twin Towers Office Center
1st Floor Public Meeting Room
Austin, Texas

Summary of Minutes

Chairman Figueroa called the meeting of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to order at 3:32 p.m., September 10, 2020. Members present were: Chairman Rick Figueroa, Commissioners Helen Callier, Dr. Ray Callas, Dr. Gary Wesson, Joel Garza and Nora Castaneda. Commissioner Callas, seconded by Commissioner Garza, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Tom Butler. Motion passed by unanimous vote. This meeting was held by videoconference under procedures approved by the Office of the Governor and the Office of Attorney General.

Staff present included: Brian Francis, Executive Director; Christina Kaiser, Deputy Executive Director; Mike Arismendez, Deputy Executive Director; David Gonzales, Deputy Executive Director; Brad Bowman, General Counsel; Della Lindquist, Deputy General Counsel and Brandy Corrales, Director of Financial Services.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item C, Discussion and approval of agency's Legislative Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 including update from the Sunset, Strategic Plan, Legislative Appropriations Request Work Group. Brian Francis, Executive Director provided an overview of the Department's Legislative Appropriations Request process which included the Administrator's Statement, budget and exceptional items for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. Mike Arismendez, Deputy Executive Director provided an overview of Rider Requests and outlined specific items in the Legislative Appropriations Request. Special recognition was given to Brandy Corrales, Director of Financial Services, Tony Couvillon, Policy Research and Budget Analyst and Hemant Makan, Policy Research and Budget Analyst for their dedication and hard work and submitting a successful Legislative Appropriations Request. A motion was made by Commissioner Callier to approve the Department's Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 as presented by staff and to authorize staff as part of this recommendation to submit all corresponding schedules and data along with making any minor or non-substantive changes, be it grammatical or technical. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Callas with an amendment to conduct a rollcall. The vote was six (6) to none in favor of approving the Legislative Appropriations Request.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item D, Public Comment. Nine written public comments were received including three phone-in public comments.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item E, Agenda items for future Commission Meetings. There was no discussion on this item.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item F, The next Commission meeting date is September 29, 2020.

Chairman Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Rick Figueroa, Chairman
Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation