

TEXAS COMMISSION OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

Emergency Meeting of November 23, 2020

Videoconference

Austin, Texas

Summary of Minutes

Chairman Figueroa called the meeting of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to order at 5:33 p.m., November 23, 2020. Members present were: Chairman Rick Figueroa, Commissioners, Tom Butler, Dr. Ray Callas, Dr. Gary Wesson and Joel Garza. Commissioner Helen Callier and Nora Castaneda were not present. 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 and Alex Phipps, Assistant General Counsel.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item D. **Discussion and possible action** on the emergency rulemaking adoption of a **new rule** at 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 60, Subchapter C, §60.351, Expiration of Certain Licenses During the COVID-19 Pandemic. This emergency rulemaking adoption is required in order to ensure that certain TDLR licensees remain licensed during the COVID-19 pandemic. This emergency adoption is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The effective date for this rule is November 23, 2020. Commissioner Callas, seconded by Commissioner Wesson, moved to adopt the rule as presented and authorize the use of electronic signatures as needed. Vice-Chair Butler's connection was not audible at the time of the motion and vote, so he was not counted for purposes of the vote; however, he did express his support of the motion.

The motion passed.

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

Chairman Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Rick Figueroa, Chairman
Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation