

MEETING AGENDA
August 17, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
City of Pass Christian Council Chambers

- A.** Call to order
- B.** Roll call and determination of a quorum
- C.** Pledge of Allegiance
- D.** Approval of minutes for July 2026
- E.** Agenda adjustments

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

- 1. No discussion items.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

- 1. Request amendment to rule 8.3.2 "Deputy Chief"
- 2. Request amendment to rule 8.3.1. To include, "Captain" as a position.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting scheduled for September 21, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

I. ADJOURMENT

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 27, 2026, 5:00pm

- Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chad Burge
- Members present were:
 - Chad Burge
 - Tyler Watters
 - Anthony Hall
- Others Present
 - Dia'mond Goodman – Chief of Fire Department
 - Shannon Starita –Permit Tech Code Office
 - Officer Henry – Police Department
 - Andy Purchner – Fire Department
- Approval of the minutes for the June 2026 Meeting.
Motion by Tyler Watters seconded by Chad Burge
- Agenda Adjustments: N/A
- **Police Department:**
 1. Discussion of written test scores administered July 16, 2026.
 - Non-Acceptance of written exam score for candidate Darius Ausmer (64).
 - Acceptance of written exam score for candidate Ayden Cervantes (88.3)
 - Acceptance of written exam score for candidate Christopher Ivy (73.6).Motion to accept by Tyler Watters seconded by Chad Burge
- **Fire Department:**
 1. Acceptance discussion of candidate James Sullinger's testing results from Pascagoula Fire Department. (95.52).
Motion to accept by Tyler Watters and seconded by Anthony Hall.
- **Other Business:** Next Meeting will be August 17, 2026, at 5:00pm
- **Adjournment:** Motion by Chad Burge and seconded by Tyler Watters



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Gentlemen,

I respectfully request that the Pass Christian Civil Service Commission consider and approve two amendments to the current Civil Service rules governing the Pass Christian Fire Department.

1. Amendment to Deputy Chief Position

The current Fire Department Deputy Chief description is structured differently from the corresponding Captain/Deputy Chief position in the Police Department. I believe these positions should be aligned, as the Police Department's structure makes better operational sense for the Fire Department as well.

This change would provide greater consistency between the City's two public safety departments while creating a structure that better fits the Fire Department's current operational needs.

The existing language provides:

DEPUTY CHIEF: *An employee who has been a Fire Fighter Three of the Pass Christian Fire Department or equivalent rank with another fire department for at least two years and completed such classes as shall be required by the Fire Chief for such position.*

*I respectfully request that this language be replaced with a new **Deputy Fire Chief / Training Chief** position and corresponding requirements.*

The proposed language would read:

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF / TRAINING CHIEF: *The rank of Deputy Fire Chief / Training Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief. All appointments for this rank shall be made from within the Fire Department, unless the Fire Chief and the City governing authorities determine that it is not in the City's best interests to do so from the existing staff. To be eligible for appointment to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief / Training Chief, officers must have already attained the rank of Fire Captain through Civil Service competitive testing procedures.*

The appointment shall be temporary, and the appointee shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Fire Chief and the City. The appointee shall retain Civil Service status at the rank already attained when appointed as Deputy Fire Chief / Training Chief.

The appointee must have administrative and command-level experience. The appointee must have the ability to manage, supervise, and coordinate the training, programs, activities, and operations of the Pass Christian Fire Department.

The appointing authority may reassign an appointee. Before reassignment, the appointee and the Civil Service Commission must be notified, in writing, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of the appointee being reassigned.

*This proposed language establishes a clear distinction between the employee's **Civil Service rank** and the appointed administrative position of Deputy Fire Chief / Training Chief. It also provides the department with a defined command-level position responsible for department-wide administration, training, personnel development, and operational coordination.*

2. Amendment to Rule 8.3.1 – Official Positions

I also respectfully request that **Rule 8.3.1** be amended to include **Captain** among the official positions/ranks recognized within the Pass Christian Fire Department.

The addition of Captain is necessary to accurately reflect the department's current organizational and command structure. Captain is an established supervisory and command-level position within the Fire Department and should be specifically identified within the Civil Service rules as an official position.

The requested amendment would add:

Captain

to the list of official positions identified in Rule 8.3.1.

These proposed amendments are intended to bring the Civil Service rules into alignment with the current structure and operational needs of the Pass Christian Fire Department.

I respectfully request that the Civil Service Commission place these proposed amendments on its agenda for consideration and take the appropriate action necessary to update the rules.

Dia'Mond Woodman



Fire Chief