

*called by its Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the vice-chairman shall exercise the powers and duties of chairman.*

*(b) No business shall be transacted by the State Fire Prevention Commission in the absence of a quorum which shall be four members, one of whom must be the chairman or vice-chairman.*

### *3. Promulgation of Regulations*

*(a) The State Fire Prevention Commission shall have the power to promulgate, amend, and repeal regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion. Such regulations, amendments, or repealers shall be in accordance with standard safe practice as embodied in widely recognized standards of good practice for fire prevention and fire protection and shall have the force and effect of law in the several counties, cities, and political subdivisions of the State. Such regulations and amendments shall not apply to existing installations, plants, or equipment unless the State Fire Prevention Commission has duly found that the continuation thereof constitutes a hazard so inimicable to the public welfare and safety as to require correction.*

*(b) The State Fire Prevention Commission, by September 1, 1964, shall promulgate comprehensive regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion as a State Fire Prevention Code. Regulations embodied in the State Fire Prevention Code shall be in accordance with standard safe practice as embodied in widely recognized standards of good practice for fire prevention and fire protection and shall have the force and effect of law in the several counties, cities and political subdivisions of the State. Such regulations and amendments shall not apply to existing installations, plants, or equipment unless the State Fire Prevention Commission has duly found that the continuation thereof constitutes a hazard so inimicable to the public welfare and safety as to require correction.*

*(c) In their interpretation and application the regulations promulgated under this chapter shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion. Whenever the provisions of any other statute or local regulation are more stringent or impose higher standards than are required by any regulations promulgated under this article, the provisions of such statute or local regulation shall govern, provided they are not inconsistent with the State Code and are not contrary to recognized standards and good engineering practices. In any question, the decision of the State Fire Prevention Commission determines the relative priority of any such State and local regulations and determines compliance with State fire regulations by officials of the State and of the political subdivisions.*

*(d) A copy of the State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments thereto, upon promulgation by the State Fire Prevention Commission, shall be made available for public information in each county court house in the State.*

### *4. Public Hearings and Notices*

*(a) Prior to the promulgation by September 1, 1964, of a State Fire Prevention Code, the State Fire Prevention Commission shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed regulations contained*