

TEXAS CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

Those in attendance were: TCMA Board members: President Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota; President-Elect Sereniah Breland, City Manager, Pflugerville; Vice President Jay Stokes, City Manager, Deer Park; TML Board Representative Kelly Kuentler, City Manager, Leon Valley; Immediate Past President Kenneth Williams, City Manager, Buda; Region 1 Director Shane Stokes, City Manager, Pampa; Region 3 Director Paul Menzies, Assistant City Manager, Wichita Falls; Region 4 Director Mark Hindman, City Manager, Levelland; Region 6 Director Corby Alexander, City Manager, La Porte; Region 7 Director James Fisher, City Manager, Brenham; Region 8 Director Bill Hill, City Manager, Shavano Park; Region 9 Director, Brian DeLatte, Deputy City Manager, Portland; Region 10 Director Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager, McAllen; Director-at-Large Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager, Lancaster; Assistants' Organization Representative Mayra Cantu, Management Analyst, Georgetown

Guests: Senior Advisors A.C. Gonzalez, Bob Livingston, and Greg Vick; Ethics Committee Vice Chair Paul Hofmann, City Manager, Bastrop; ICMA Mountain Plains Regional Director Karen Daly; Hugh Walker, Deputy City Manager, Bryan

TML staff: Kim Pendergraft and Emily Hughes

President Brad Stafford called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the TCMA Board members and guests.

On a motion by Brad Stafford and a second by Jay Stokes, the Board approved the absence of Region 2 Director Erik Rejino, Levelland city manager, and Region 5 Director Jay Abercrombie, Henderson city manager.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

Regional representatives updated the Board on regional activities and openings.

SENIOR ADVISOR REPORT

Senior advisors updated the Board on their activity.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brad Stafford provided a brief report, including attending a Region 5 meeting, appointing Stephanie Reyes, San Marcos assistant city manager, to the ICMA Annual Conference Planning Committee, and a meeting with the Allies Across Texas Task Force Chair Noel Bernal and Vice Chair Debbie Maynor.

MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by James Fisher and a second by Kenneth Williams, the Board approved the June 4, 2020, Board minutes.

LIFE MEMBERS

On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and a second by Jeff Johnston, the Board approved Life membership for Clayton Chandler and Kevin Hugman.

RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TCMA COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Kim Pendergraft reported that the City Managers of Tomorrow Committee has scheduled four #ELGLInspire events and is encouraging internships to be posted in the TML Career Center. Committee Chair Austin Bless and TML staff are having weekly meetings with Social Meeting Coordinator Nick Smith. Nick will be working with students to create a video encouraging membership and has other projects that will be appearing in social media.

Nominating Committee Chair Kenneth Williams reported that the Committee reviewed the new qualifications to serve on the ICMA Board. **On a motion by Shane Stokes and a second by Kelly Kuenstler, the Board approved the new qualifications as presented.** Joe Vera, McAllen assistant city manager, will chair the ICMA nomination process for Texas candidates.

Ethics Committee Vice Chair Paul Hofmann updated the Board on activity of the Ethics Committee. **On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and a second by Jeff Johnson, the Board accepted the recommendation to adopt the ICMA Code of Ethics changes for tenets five and six and guidelines as presented.**

Advocacy Committee Chair Kelly Kuenstler provided an update on the campaign to promote ethical and professional city management.

Brad Stafford reported he met with the chair and vice chair of the Allies Across Texas Task Force and Tasnim Benhalim, Diversity Wealth founder and chief learning officer and was encouraged by the direction of the Task Force.

Kenneth Williams and Kim Pendergraft reported that the Public Policy Task Force will be interviewing candidates to conduct training with TML staff augmenting the training. The training will focus on preparing members to testify effectively and tools to train council to testify effectively. The Board and Task Force members will be invited to participate in the training. Kenneth and Karen Daly stated that a petition to change the form of government in Austin is circulating. ICMA is closely watching the progress.

RECEIVE REPORT ON ASSISTANTS-RELATED ISSUES

Mayra Cantu provided an update on statewide activities of the assistants' organizations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brad Stafford presented the financial report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Brad Stafford opened a discussion on a TCMA statement regarding racism. Sereniah Breland shared the ICMA Executive Board statement regarding systemic racism. Sereniah motioned with a second by Kelly Kuenstler to support the ICMA statement. After further discussion, Kelly motioned with a second by Kenneth Williams to amend the original motion by changing Black Lives Matter to black lives matter. Then, no vote was taken. **Sereniah will work with Allies**

Across Texas Task Force Chair Noel Bernal and Vice Chair Debbie Maynor, and Opal Mauldin-Jones to develop a message. The Board will meet Friday, August 14, to review.

On a motion by Kelly Kuentler and a second by Kenneth Williams, the Board approved Paulette Hartman, North Richland Hills assistant city manager, to serve as the TCMA representative on the TMRS Advisory Committee.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.