

TEXAS CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

TEXAS MUNICIPAL CENTER, 1821 RUTHERFORD LANE, AUSTIN

Those in attendance were:

TCMA Board members: President Sereniah Breland, City Manager, Pflugerville; President-Elect Jay Stokes, City Manager, Deer Park; TML Board Representative Hugh Walker, Deputy City Manager, Bryan; Region 3 Director Brandon Anderson, City Manager, Graham; Region 4 Director, Harlan Jefferson, City Manager, Prosper; Region 5 Director John Whitsell, City Manager, Chandler; Region 6 Director Corby Alexander, City Manager, La Porte; Region 7 Director Micah Grau, Deputy City Manager, Buda; Region 8 Director Bill Hill, City Manager, Shavano Park; Region 9 Director, Jesus Garza, City Manager, Victoria; Region 10 Director Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager, McAllen; Director-at-Large Emily Crawford, City Manager, Brownwood

Board members attending by conference call: Vice President Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager, Lancaster

Guest: Senior Advisor A.C. Gonzalez

TML staff: Bennett Sandlin, Monty Wynn, and Kim Pendergraft

President Sereniah Breland called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the TCMA Board members.

On a motion by Hugh Walker and a second by Micah Grau, the Board approved the absence of Immediate Past President Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota; Region 1 Director Jared Miller, City Manager, Amarillo; Region 2 Director Erik Rejino, City Manager, Levelland; Assistants' Organization Representative Imelda Speck, Economic Development Project Administrator, Irving.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

Regional representatives updated the Board concerning regional activities and openings.

SENIOR ADVISOR REPORT

A.C. Gonzales updated the Board on senior advisor activities including enhancing the Manager In Transition Program, TCMA Annual Conference sponsorships, and his participation on a mental health panel at the 2021 International City/County Management Association Annual Conference.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sereniah Breland encouraged the Board to provide support to each other, their colleagues, and especially those in transition. She also reported TCMA will host an exhibit booth at the TML Annual Conference and Exhibition.

MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Hugh Walker and a second by Jeff Johnston, the Board approved the June 10, 2021, TCMA Board meeting minutes as presented.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Jay Stokes and a second by Jesus Garza, the Board approved Life membership for Joseph Shephard.

RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TCMA COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Kim Pendergraft reported the City Managers of Tomorrow Committee will begin planning the 2022 Intercollegiate Bowl, the Managers in Residence (MIR) are scheduled to meet with university partners to discuss ideas to continue enhancing the MIR Program, and the #ELGL Inspire event with Texas State University was successful with additional universities wanting to plan events in the spring.

Jay Stokes, Professional Development Committee chair, reported planning for the William “King” Cole series and the City Management Clinic are in process. The Committee will meet in October at the location of the 2022 Annual Conference to plan the Conference. **On a motion by Jay Stokes and a second by Hugh Walker, the Board approved to celebrate the TCMA 100 year anniversary in 2026 and suspended the conference rotation for the 2025 and 2026 conferences. Bids will be sent to all TCMA managers requesting bids for 2025 and 2026. Sereniah Breland will appoint a task force to plan the 100 year anniversary.**

Emily Crawford, Membership Committee chair, updated the Board on the activity of the Committee, which will develop ideas for membership recruitment and review a new option and vendor for the salary survey.

Kim Pendergraft reported Ethics Committee members are volunteering to serve on subcommittees for all Ethics Award nomination review, training and development for TCMA events, a review of the Rules of Procedure for Enforcement, and editing monthly ethics articles. An Ethics Train-the-Trainers workshop is scheduled December 3.

Micah Grau reported the TCMA Allies Committee has completed development of the first diversity and equity training. Region representatives on the Committee will be reaching out to schedule training at their respective regions.

TML Director of Grassroots and Legislative Services Monty Wynn stated the weekly meetings with the Public Policy Task Force have been helpful and they will continue to meet during the special session.

RECEIVE REPORT ON TML-RELATED ISSUES

TML Board Representative Hugh Walker provided a report on the most recent TML Board meeting.

TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin provided a legislative report.

RECEIVE REPORT ON ASSISTANTS-RELATED ISSUES

Sereniah Breland provided an update, on behalf of Imelda Speck, about statewide activities of the assistants' organizations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sereniah Breland provided the financials ending on June 30, 2021.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed how to assist the City of Overton. **Bennett Sandlin will discuss with TML staff about possible TML assistance and follow up by meeting with TCMA members who may best assist, including Lancaster City Manager Opal Mauldin-Jones, Henderson City Manager Jay Abercrombie, Chandler City Manager John Whitsell, and Senior Advisor George Shackelford.**

The next Board meeting will be on January 28, 2022, in Austin.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.