

## TEXAS CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

TEXAS MUNICIPAL CENTER, LUTHER JONES ROOM, 1821 RUTHERFORD LANE,  
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Those in attendance were TCMA Board members: President Kenneth Williams, City Manager, Buda; President-Elect Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota; Vice President Sereniah Breland; TML Board Representative Kelly Kuenstler, City Manager, Leon Valley; Region 1 Director Shane Stokes, City Manager, Pampa; Region 4 Director Mark Hindman, City Manager, North Richland Hills; Region 5 Director Jay Abercrombie, City Manager, Henderson; Region 6 Director Stephanie Russell, Finance Director, Freeport; Region 7 Director James Fisher, City Manager, Brenham; Region 9 Director, Brian DeLatte, Deputy City Manager, Portland; Region 10 Director Gabriel Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, Harlingen; Director at Large Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager, Lancaster; Assistants' Organization Representative Ryan Cramer, Economic Development Coordinator, La Porte

Guests: Senior Advisors A.C. Gonzalez, Bob Livingston, George Shackelford, Greg Vick; ICMA Mountain Plains Regional Director Karen Daly.

TML Staff: Bennett Sandlin, Rachael Pitts, and Kim Pendergraft

**On a motion by Brad Stafford and a second by Kelly Kuenstler, the Board approved the absence of Immediate Past President** Chris Coffman, City Manager, Granbury; Region 2 Director Erik Rejino, City Manager, Levelland; Region 3 Director Paul Menzies, Assistant City Manager, Wichita Falls; Region 8 Director E. A. Hoppe, Deputy City Manager, Kerrville

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

### REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

Regional representatives updated the Board concerning regional activities and openings.

### SENIOR ADVISOR REPORT

Senior advisors updated the Board on their activity. Greg Vick suggested that the membership be reminded of the service they provide.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kenneth provided a report on his schedule for region visits.

### MEETING MINUTES

**On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and a second by James Fisher, the Board approved the June 27, 2019, TCMA Board meeting minutes as presented.**

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**On a motion by Shane Stokes and a second by Brad Stafford, the Board approved Life Membership for Hector Forestier.**

## **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TCMA COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES**

Kenneth Williams, Executive Committee chair, updated the Board on the Committee's approval to sponsor the National Forum for Black Public Administrators' Emerge 2019.

Kim Pendergraft updated the Board on activity of the City Managers of Tomorrow Committee. The TCMA website includes a dedicated category for future managers, five #ELGLInspire events have been scheduled, a subcommittee is developing the 2020 Intercollegiate College Bowl, and cities providing internships for students can post them in the TML Career Center. Brad Stafford reported that the Professional Development Committee discussed the student registration fee for the TCMA Annual Conference. **On a motion by James Fisher and a second by Jay Abercrombie, the Board approved the Professional Development Committee recommendation to set the student registration fee for the TCMA Annual Conference at \$50.00.**

Brad Stafford, Professional Development chair, updated the Board on Committee activity. The Committee recommended to the Board that the private organization registration fee to attend the TCMA Annual Conference increase to \$1,015.00. **On a motion by Brad and a second by Jay Abercrombie, the Board approved to increase the TCMA Annual Conference registration fee for private organizations and additional sponsor registrations to \$1,025.00. Kenneth Williams appointed a subcommittee to review sponsorship recognition at the annual conference. Brad Stafford will chair the subcommittee with Sereniah Breland, Mark Hindman, James Fisher, A.C. Gonzalez, and Nick Finan serving.**

Kim Pendergraft updated the Board about the Ethics Committee. Subcommittees were appointed to review the online Ethics 101 course to ensure that recent updates to the Code of Ethics are reflected, to review the Rules of Procedure for Enforcement, and to explore ideas for TCMA to respond to ethic violations by non-members. A Train the Trainer Course is scheduled for December 6.

Kelly Kuenstler, Advocacy Committee chair, asked the Board to provide clarification of the Committee objectives. **On a motion by James Fisher and a second by Mark Hindman, the Board approved to amend the objectives of the Advocacy Committee. The Committee objective is to promote professional city management and the council-management form of government. Kenneth Williams will appoint a Public Policy Task Force to develop recommendations on how TCMA will engage in the legislative process and vet important legislative issues to the TCMA membership.**

Kenneth Williams provided an update on the activity of the Equity Task Force.

**RECEIVE REPORT ON TML-RELATED ISSUES**

TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin provided an update on TML-related issues.

**RECEIVE REPORT ON ASSISTANTS-RELATED ISSUES**

Ryan Cramer provided an update on statewide activities of the assistants' organizations.

**RECEIVE REPORT ON ICMA-RELATED ISSUES**

ICMA Mountain Plains Regional Director Karen Daly provided an update on ICMA activities.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kenneth Williams provided the financial report.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and Brad Stafford, the Board approved not to participate in The University of Texas-Arlington State of the State Survey and consider it for next year.**

Future Board meeting schedule:

January 31, 2020, Austin

April 17, 2020, Buda

June 4, 2020, South Padre Island

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.