

## TEXAS CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

TEXAS MUNICIPAL CENTER, LUTHER JONES ROOM, 1821 RUTHERFORD LANE,  
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Those in attendance were: TCMA Board members: President Chris Coffman, City Manager, Granbury; President-Elect Kenneth Williams, City Manager, Buda; TML Board Representative Kelly Kuenstler, City Manager, Leon Valley; Region 1 Director Shane Stokes, City Manager, Pampa; Region 2 Director Erik Rejino, City Manager, Levelland; Region 3 Director Robert Hanna, City Manager, Abilene; Region 4 Director Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager, Lancaster; Region 5 Director David Cockrell, City Manager, Atlanta; Region 6 Director Stephanie Russell, Assistant City Manager, Dickinson; Region 7 Director James Earp, Assistant City Manager, Kyle; Region 8 Director E. A. Hoppe, Deputy City Manager, Kerrville; Region 9 Director, Kevin Carruth, City Manager, Rockport; Director-at-Large Sereniah Breland, City Manager, Pflugerville; Assistants' Organization Representative Ian Benavidez, Special Projects Manager, San Antonio

Guests: Karen Daly, ICMA Mountain Plains Regional Director; Ethics Chair Nick Finan, Executive Director of Management Services, Texas City; City Managers of Tomorrow Chair Scott Sellers, City Manager, Kyle; and Senior Advisors A.C. Gonzalez; George Shackelford; and Greg Vick

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

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

**On a motion by Shane Stokes and a second by Kelly Kuenstler, the Board approved the absence of Vice President Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota; Immediate Past President David Harris, City Administrator, Balcones Heights; and Region 10 Director Gabriel Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, Harlingen**

### REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

Regional representatives updated the Board concerning regional activities and openings.

### SENIOR ADVISOR REPORT

A.C. Gonzalez, George Shackelford, and Greg Vick reported on their visits throughout the state. They also discussed adding additional senior advisors and the status of sponsorships for the 2019 TCMA Annual Conference.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chris provided a brief report on his schedule for region visits. He also shared a letter from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) executive director requesting the release of TCMA funds paid to the Life, Well Run Campaign to the newly formed Future of Professional Management Fund. **On a motion by Robert Hanna and a second by Opal Mauldin-Jones, the Board approved the release of the funds.**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**On a motion by Opal Mauldin-Jones and a second by Kenneth Williams, the Board approved the August 3, 2018, meeting minutes.**

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**On a motion by Kevin Carruth and a second by Shane Stokes, the Board approved Life Membership for Glenn Hackler.**

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

Chris Coffman, Executive Committee chair, discussed future participation in the State of the State Survey distributed by University of Texas at Arlington. The Board would like to review the outcome of the survey before deciding to move forward.

Scott Sellers, City Managers of Tomorrow Committee chair, reported on the progress of the Committee. There is a goal to recruit 200 student members. **The Ethics Committee will review the Rules of Enforcement for involvement in political activity by student members.** The region presidents are encouraged to work with the Managers in Residence (MIR) to invite students to region meetings, schedule a region meeting on a university campus, or host an evening mixer. Internships including micro internships and a Texas version of Lead for America fellowships are being developed. As the information is collected and developed, it will reside on the new TCMA website. The Committee is collecting teaching resources for universities to access on the new TCMA website. James Earp updated the Board on the university student competition that is scheduled as part of the at the 2019 TCMA Annual Conference.

Nick Finan, Ethics Committee chair, reported on the activity of the Committee. **On a motion by E.A. Hoppe and a second by Robert Hanna, the Board approved change to tenets 3 and 4 of the TCMA Code of Ethics.**

Kenneth Williams, Professional Development Committee chair, reported that the Committee met on August 23-24 and developed educational events for 2019.

Sereniah Breland, Membership Committee member, reported on the activity of the Committee. **On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and a second by Robert Hanna, the Committee approved to continue the Salary Survey and contract with Evergreen Solutions through 2021.**

**On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and a second by E. A. Hoppe, the Board approved that:**

- **Mindi Snyder, City Manager, El Campo, be awarded the 2019 Administrator of the Year Award;**
- **David Landis, City Manager, Perryton; and Sheryl Sculley, City Manager, San Antonio, be awarded the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award;**
- **Robert Hanna, City Manager, Abilene, be awarded the 2019 Mentoring Award; and**
- **the Village of The Hills be awarded the 2019 City Council of the Year Award.**

Kelly Kuenstler, Advocacy Committee chair, requested that the Board provide direction for the Committee goals. **The Committee is to focus on the goals set forth in the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan including completion of the campaign to promote professional city management with city elected officials being the target audience. The City Managers of Tomorrow should further develop a partnership with Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) focusing on video snippets and social media to encourage and develop the next generation of professional city managers.**

#### **RECEIVE REPORT ON TML-RELATED ISSUES**

Bennett Sandlin updated the Board on current TML Board and legislative issues.

#### **RECEIVE REPORT ON ASSISTANTS-RELATED ISSUES**

Ian Benavidez provided an update on statewide activities of the assistants' organizations. **The Board would like future budgets to include sponsorships for assistant organization educational events. These funds can be requested and distributed through the TCMA regional training funds.**

#### **RECEIVE REPORT ON ICMA-RELATED ISSUES**

Karen Daly reported that the Mountain Plains Regional Summit will be held March 27-29 in Omaha, Nebraska, and the 2019 ICMA Annual Conference will be October 20-23 in Nashville, Tennessee. TCMA will host the TCMA Reception at Dierks Bentley's Whiskey Row in Nashville.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kim Pendergraft presented the 2017-2018 audit report and current financial report.

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**On a motion by Shane Stokes and a second by Opal Mauldin-Jones, the Board approved the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan.**

Chris Coffman provided an update on the Equity and Diversity Task Force.

Future Board meeting schedule:

April 26, 2019, Granbury

June 27, 2019, Fort Worth

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.