

TCMA Public Policy Task Force Meeting
June 18, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Members of the Task Force present at the meeting included: Chair Jared Miller, City Manager, Amarillo; Brian LaBorde, City Manager, Tayler; Trey Fletcher, Assistant City Manager, Pflugerville; Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager, McAllen; Bill Lindley, Town Administrator, Highland Park; Tobin Maples, City Manager, Fair Oaks Ranch; Dion Miller, City Manager, Tulia; Kent Myers, City Manager, Fredericksburg; Elena Quintanilla, City Manager, Ransom Canyon; Greg Smith, City Manager, Jacksonville; Stephanie Russell, Assistant City Manager, Freeport; Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota; Shane Stokes, City Manager, Pampa; Kathleen Weisenberger, Assistant City Manager, Portland; Melissa Valadez-Cummings, Assistant City Manager, Cedar Hill; Kenneth Williams, City Manager, Buda

TML Staff: Monty Wynn, Rachael Pitts, and Kim Pendergraft

Jared Miller opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and thanked the Task Force members for attending. He reviewed the approved ethics statement and funding available for training.

The Task Force discussed developing a training model similar to the TCMA Ethics Train the Trainer. The first training will be conducted for Task Force members and the TCMA Board. Additional training will be limited to 30 attendees and available to TCMA Full members and those members who are responsible for coordinating the legislative agenda for their city. The initial trainers will share the training and information with their TCMA region. The first training will be in the fall (September/October) and will cover three areas:

1. Preparing to testify
2. Developing and maintaining a relationship with your legislator
3. Training your council

Task Force members will research potential trainers including fees, availability, and use of training materials by TCMA. Members are also requested to suggest meeting space available in their city. Members are to send information to Kim no later than June 25.

Monty Wynn will research if other associations have developed similar training that can be used as a template and offer ideas for potential expert trainers. Monty reported that the TML Municipal Policy Summit is scheduled for August 3-4 and will share the policy book with the Task Force when it's complete. He anticipates having weekly calls with the Task Force beginning in December.

The next meeting is set for 9:00 a.m. on July 23.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.