

TCMA Public Policy Task Force Meeting
July 23, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Members of the Task Force present at the meeting included: Chair Jared Miller, City Manager, Amarillo; Brian LaBorde, City Manager, Taylor; Trey Fletcher, Assistant City Manager, Pflugerville; Mark Israelson, City Manager, Plano; 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; Stephanie Russell, Assistant City Manager, Freeport; Kathleen Weisenberger, Assistant City Manager, Portland; Kenneth Williams, City Manager, Buda

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

Jared Miller opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and thanked the Task Force members for attending.

The Task Force reviewed and discussed trainers to assist with effective legislative testimony.

The Task Force will invite four organizations to make written and oral presentations to four questions, and Kim Pendergraft will coordinate the interviews:

1. What is the best strategy for networking and building relationships with legislators prior to the session?
2. How would you prepare and train our members to testify effectively?
3. What tools can you provide in the training so we can be effective trainers in our cities?
4. What does the landscape look like for the upcoming session, including the logistical and physical challenges in the current environment?

Deadlines for each organization:

Commitment: July 30

Written responses: August 6

Presentations: Thursday, August 13

The following Task Force members will contact each of the selected organizations:

American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC): **Bill Lindley**

Dan Branch (former State Representative): **Bill Lindley**

Hahn Public: **Kent Myers**

Legislative Communications: **Kathleen Weisenberger**

TML staff will research meeting space to conduct the training on October 2.

The next meeting is 9:00 a.m., August 13.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.