

TCMA Public Policy Task Force Meeting
September 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members of the Task Force present at the meeting included: Chair Jared Miller, City Manager, Amarillo; Vice Chair Brian LaBorde, City Manager, Taylor; James Earp, Assistant City Manager, Kyle; James Fisher, City Manager, Brenham; Trey Fletcher, Assistant City Manager, Pflugerville; Mark Israelson, City Manager, Plano; Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager, McAllen; Dion Miller, City Manager, Tulia; Kent Myers, City Manager, Fredericksburg; Stephanie Russell, Assistant City Manager, Freeport; Greg Smith, City Manager, Jacksonville; Shane Stokes, City Manager, Pampa; Kenneth Williams, City Manager, Buda

Guests: Nick Finan, TCMA Ethics Chair and Director of Management Services/ City Secretary, Texas City, and Russ Rhea, Hahn Public

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

Jared Miller opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and thanked the Task Force members for attending. He provided a report on the subcommittee meeting with Hahn Public to discuss training.

Russ Rhea with Hahn Public provided an outline of the training and followed up with questions from Task Force members. The Task Force stated that skills for addressing broken relationships with legislatures is critical to the discussion. Nick Finan stated that addressing ethical standards set by the TCMA Code of Ethics and the Board statement on membership participation in the legislative process should be incorporated at the beginning and end of the training. TCMA President Brad Stafford will be available to make a statement. **Kim Pendergraft will provide the training outline and Russ Rhea's email address to allow members to submit comments, questions, and additional areas they believe should be included in the training.**

Kim provided a calendar of events for the training and stated that the Board approved additional funds for a third training.

On a motion by Greg Smith and a second by James Fisher, the Task Force was unanimous to move forward with the training as presented.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for October 22. The agenda will include:

- Analysis of the training
- Discuss training at TCMA regions
- Distribution of the taped training
- Schedule weekly meetings with TML legislative staff

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.