

## **TEXAS CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020**

**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, City Manager, Pflugerville; 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 Paul Menzies, Assistant City Manager, Wichita Falls; 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 8 Director E. A. Hoppe, Deputy City Manager, Kerrville; 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 Bob Livingston, George Shackelford, Greg Vick

TML Staff: Rachael Pitts and Kim Pendergraft

**On a motion by Brad Stafford and a second by Jay Abercrombie, the Board approved the absence of Immediate Past President Chris Coffman, City Manager, Granbury**

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.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Kenneth provided a report on his schedule for region visits. He reported that five TCMA city manager members were appointed to the TML Legislative Policy Committee on Advocacy Strategy, including George Campbell, City Manager, Kennedale; David Harris, City Administrator, Balcones Heights; Brynn Myers, City Manager, Temple; Roel Rodriguez, City Manager, McAllen, and Kenneth Williams, City Manager, Buda.

### **ICMA REGION CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Kenneth Williams and Brad Stafford conducted a random drawing for the ICMA Region Conference Scholarships. **On a motion by Shane Stokes and a second by Stephanie Russell, the Board approved the scholarships be awarded to Austin Bless, City Manager,**

**Jersey Village; Justin Weiss, Assistant City Manager, Fate; and Robert Wood, Manager in Transition.**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

**On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and a second by James Fisher, the Board approved the September 20, 2019, TCMA Board meeting minutes as presented.**

#### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**On a motion by Stephanie Russell and a second by Sereniah Breland, the Board approved Life Membership for Allen Bogard, Joe Dickson, Doug Faseler, and Jim Jeffers.**

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

Kenneth Williams, Executive Committee chair, reported the Executive Committee approved the public censure of Adam Miles, former city manager of the City of Hewitt.

Brad Stafford, Professional Development chair, provided a report of the Sponsorship Subcommittee. **On a motion by Jay Abercrombie and a second by Brad Stafford, the Board approved to change the TCMA Annual Conference sponsorship policy beginning in 2021. Four \$10,000 Platinum sponsorship will be available with the option for two sponsors to increase to \$20,000 as a Platinum Choice sponsor. Platinum sponsors can provide one piece of swag at either of the two general sessions or the two lunches. Each will be provided three minutes to introduce their organization at their assigned event to be awarded on a first come-first served basis. Platinum Choice can sponsor the conference bag or lanyard and include their organization log.**

Sereniah Breland updated the Board on activity of the Membership Committee activity. **On a motion by E. A. Hoppe and a second by Mark Hindman, the Board approved that**

- **Kelly Kuenstler, City Manager, Leon Valley, be awarded the 2020 Administrator of the Year Award;**
- **Ron Bowman, City Manager, Boerne, be awarded the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award;**
- **Kent Myers, City Manager, Fredericksburg, be awarded the 2020 Mentoring Award;**
- **The City of Deer Park be awarded the 2020 City Council of the Year Award; and**
- **Matt Wojnowski, City Manager, Del Rio, be awarded the 2020 Leadership Development Scholarship.**

Kim Pendergraft updated the Board on activity of the Ethics Committee.

**On a motion by Jay Abercrombie and a second by Brad Stafford, the Board accepted the recommendation to adopt the ICMA Code of Ethics changes for tenets one and two. Following the acceptance, James Fisher commented that he doesn't want TCMA to water down the tenets. On a motion by Jay and a second by Brad, the Board voted to reconsider the vote. Then, no further action was taken. The Board requested that Ethics Chair Nick Finan or Ethics Vice Chair Hugh Walker attend the next Board meeting to explain the reason for the proposed change.**

Kelly Kuenstler, Advocacy Committee chair, provided an update on the Campaign for Professional City Management. The Board stated that small city representation should be highlighted, and the video proposed to highlight ethics should focus on ethical and qualified professionals. **On a motion by James Fisher and a second by E. A. Hoppe, the Board approved to amend the 2019-2020 budget and increase funding by \$11,000 to complete the project.**

Kim Pendergraft provided an update on the activity of the Equity Task Force.

Scott Sellers updated the Board on activity of the City Managers of Tomorrow Committee. The Committee is working to create an Iframe on the website to highlight internships posted on the TML Career Center; develop fund sharing between cities and universities for internships; and exploring better ways to communicate through social media that may include a part-time social media specialist.

Kenneth Williams updated the status and members on the Public Policy Task Force.

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

TML Deputy Executive Director Rachael Pitts 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.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kenneth Williams provided the 2018-2019 audit report and the financials ending November 30, 2019.

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

The Board discussed consideration of a new assistants' award in honor of Valerie Bradley, former managing director of community services of the City of Mesquite. **On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and a second by Opal Mauldin-Jones, the Board approved the Valerie Bradley Assistants' Award and the first award to be presented to Valerie at the 2020 TCMA Annual Conference.**

Future Board meeting schedule:

April 3, 2020, Buda

June 4, 2020, South Padre Island

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.