

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019**

**LAKE GRANBURY CONFERENCE CENTER, COMANCHE PEAK ROOM, 621 EAST PEARL STREET, GRANBURY**

Those in attendance were: TCMA Board members: President Chris Coffman, City Manager, Granbury; President-Elect Kenneth Williams, City Manager, Buda; Vice President Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota; Immediate Past President David Harris, City Administrator, Balcones Heights; 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 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; Region 10 Director Gabriel Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, Harlingen;

Guests: Senior Advisors A.C. Gonzalez; Bob Livingston; and George Shackelford

TML Staff: Kim Pendergraft

President Chris Coffman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed the TCMA Board members and guests.

**On a motion by Brad Stafford and a second by Kelly Kuenstler, the Board approved the absence of Region 3 Director Robert Hanna, City Manager, Abilene; Region 4 Director Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager, Lancaster; Director-at-Large Sereniah Breland, City Manager, Pflugerville; and Assistants' Organization Representative Ian Benavidez, Special Projects Manager, San Antonio**

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Regional representatives updated the Board concerning regional activities and openings.

**SENIOR ADVISOR REPORT**

A.C. Gonzalez, Bob Livingston; and George Shackelford, reported on their visits throughout the state. They also discussed the status of sponsorships for the 2019 TCMA Annual Conference. They asked that contact information for potential sponsors be sent to staff.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Chris provided a brief report on his region visits and is scheduled for additional visits.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**On a motion by Kelly Kuenstler and a second by Kenneth Williams, the Board approved the January 25, 2019, meeting minutes.**

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**On a motion by Shane Stokes and a second by Brad Stafford, the Board approved Life Membership for Tom Brymer, Horacio De Leon Jr., Allan Heindel, Michael Morrison, Frank Salvato, Kenneth Taylor, Ed Thatcher, and Peter Vargas.**

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

An update on the City Managers of Tomorrow Committee was provided. James Earp updated the Board on the status of the Manager in Residence (MIR) Program and the TCMA Annual Conference College Bowl. Eight universities and 68 students are registered to participate. He also reported that three #ELGLInspire Programs were held this year with the anticipation of six for the upcoming academic year.

Kim Pendergraft reported that the following universities have ICMA Student Chapters: University of North Texas; University of Texas-Austin; University of Texas-Dallas; Texas A&M; Texas State University; and St Mary's University.

Chris Coffman discussed proposed changes to the requirements for TCMA Student Membership. Brad Stafford reported on informal discussions he had with the Membership Committee and other TCMA members.

**On a motion by James Earp and a second by Brad Stafford, the Board approved that:**

- **Student members are required to acknowledge they have reviewed the TCMA Code of Ethics.**
- **Ethics training must be completed within one year to maintain their membership. Training can be completed through the online training course or by a TCMA certified ethics trainer or MIR.**
- **Students are not required to adhere to Tenet 7.**

**On a motion by James Earp and a second by David Harris, the Board approved that students are not required to seek an endorsement for TCMA membership.**

**On a motion by Kenneth Williams and a second by David Harris, the Board approved that the membership fee for students be waived.**

**TML staff will create a new student membership application.**

Kenneth Williams, Professional Development Committee chair, provided an update on educational events. He reported that \$96,500 in sponsorship funds has been received for the TCMA Annual Conference and that the Executive Committee approved an additional \$5,000 to contract a band for the Friday night social event. **On a motion by Shane Stokes and a second by David Harris, the Board approved to provide complimentary registration for students participating in the college bowl at the TCMA Annual Conference.**

Brad Stafford, Membership Committee chair, reported that the Committee selected the scholarship recipients for the Certified Public Manager, Clarence Ridley, and Tom Muehlenbeck scholarships. They will be recognized at the TCMA Annual Conference.

David Harris, Nominating Committee chair reported the 2019 election results. Brad Stafford, City Manager, Navasota will serve as President Elect; Sereniah Breland, City Manager, Pflugerville will serve as Vice President; and Opal Mauldin-Jones will serve as Director at Large.

Kelly Kuenstler, Advocacy Committee chair, reported that the Committee will schedule a meeting after the legislative session to develop a marketing plan to advocate the council-manager form of government that targets local government elected officials. John Bender, owner of John Bender Communications Consultant, will facilitate the meeting and develop objectives for the marketing plan.

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

Kelly Kuenstler, TML Board representative, reported that the Board discussed legislative issues and strategies.

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

Ian Benavidez provided a written report on statewide activities of the assistants' organizations.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was presented.

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

Chris Coffman provided an update on the H.B. 2 and S.B 2 survey that was distributed to TCMA city managers. He updated the Board on his testimony at the Texas Capitol. A proposal for counseling services was also discussed. The Board determined that TCMA should not enter into an agreement or promote the services of an organization; however, the TCMA Senior Advisors will reach out and invite the organization to be an Annual Conference sponsor.

The next Board meeting is June 27, 2019, in conjunction with the TCMA Annual Conference in Fort Worth.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.