

TCMA Ethics Committee

October 11, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Conference Call

Members of the committee present at the meeting included: TCMA Ethics Committee Chair Nick Finan, Executive Director of Management Services/City Secretary, Texas City; Valerie Bradley, Managing Director Community Services, Mesquite; Dion Miller, City Manager, Tulia; Steve Eggleston, Assistant City Manager, Andrews; Jerry Flemming, City Manager, Iowa Park; Matthew Mueller, Town Manager, Little Elm; Chad Nehring, City Manager, Center; Jay Stokes, City Manager, Deer Park; Zina Tedford, City Secretary, Shavano Park; Arlene Medrano, Budget Administrator, Corpus Christi; Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager, McAllen; Deval Allums, Account Executive, Siemens Industry; Ron Bowman, City Manager, Boerne; Kevin Carruth, City Manager, Rockport; Chuck Harrington, Development Services Director, Midland; Bill Hill, City Manager, Shavano Park; Henry Hill, Deputy City Manager, Frisco; Charles Jackson, City Manager, Pearsall; Gina Nash, City Manager, Sachse; Maria Quintanilla, City Manager, Ransom Canyon; Isaac Turner, City Manager, Taylor Hugh Walker, Deputy City Manager, Bryan; Edward Wylie, Assistant City Manager, Pharr

TML staff: Kim Pendergraft

Nick Finan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and thanked everyone for participating.

Nick provided an overview of responsibilities. He also encouraged committee members who are Full, Associate, or Life members to attend the Ethics Train the Trainers workshop.

Newsletter Articles

Valerie Bradley, Bill Hill, Henry Hill, Chuck Harrington, Jeff Johnston, Matt Muehler, Hugh Walker, and Ed Wylie will write articles for the monthly TCMA newsletter. The articles are due to Kim by the 10th of each month prior to publication. Kim will provide a list to the group.

Online Ethics Course

Nick provided a status report on the advance online course. A subcommittee will meet on October 20 in Austin to complete Part 1. The following committee members volunteered to begin writing and editing Part 2. **Henry Hill, Jeff Johnston, Matt McCombs, and Hugh Walker will write questions and two case studies. Kevin Carruth, Nick Finan, Isaac Turner, and Valerie Bradley, will assist with editing. Kim will provide materials and guidelines.**

Review ICMA Tenet 3

The Committee reviewed the approved changes to ICMA Tenet 3 and Guidelines. **On a motion by Jerry Flemming and a second by Hugh Walker, the Committee recommends to the Board that the updates be reflected in the TCMA Code of Ethics and Guidelines.**

Review ICMA Tenet 4

The Committee reviewed and discussed ICMA Tenet 4 and Guidelines. **On a motion by Jerry Flemming and a second by Chuck Harrington, the Committee recommends to the Board that the following discussion points be considered by ICMA:**

- 1. A minimum of two years service should apply to all members of ICMA regardless of position, duties, and responsibilities for the local government they are employed.**
- 2. The two year service guideline can also be applied under tenets 3, 4, 9, 11, or 12.**
- 3. The tenet should clarify that the members chief function is to serve the citizens of the city in which they are employed, should remain non-partisan, be limited to those with social influence, ignore certain areas of the city, and not act on behalf of those with special interests.**

Nick Finan will submit the discussion points to ICMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.