

MEETING MINUTES
H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 21, 2017

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following members of the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council attended all or a portion of the March 21, 2017 Board meeting:

Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams
Chambers County Commissioner Gary Nelson
Colorado County Judge Ty Prause
Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers
Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark
Harris County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle
Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Liberty County Judge Jay Knight
Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald
Montgomery County Commissioner Charlie Riley
Walker County Commissioner Jimmy Henry
Waller County Judge Trey Duhon
Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath

City of Baytown Councilman William Sain
City of Conroe Councilman Seth Gibson
City of Deer Park Councilman Thane Harrison
City of Houston Council Member Jerry Davis
City of Huntsville Mayor Andy Brauninger

City of Lake Jackson Councilmember Gerald Roznovsky
City of League City Mayor Pat Hallisey
City of Missouri City Council Member Floyd Emery
City of Pearland Mayor Tom Reid
City of Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman
City of Texas City Commissioner Dee Ann Haney

Home Rule Cities (Less than 25,000):
City of Manvel Mayor Delores Martin
City of Bellaire Councilmember Pat McLaughlan

General Law Cities:
City of Waller Council Member Nancy Arnold
City of Meadows Place Alderman Terry Henley

School Districts (Outside Houston ISD):
Trustee Rissie Owens, Huntsville ISD

The following members of the H-GAC Board of Directors were not marked in attendance at the March 21, 2017 Board meeting:

Austin County Judge Tim Lapham

City of Houston Council Member Greg Travis
City of Friendswood Councilmember Carl Gustafson

City of Galveston Mayor Jim Yarbrough
City of La Porte Councilman Chuck Engelken, Jr.
City of Pasadena Councilmember Darrell Morrison
City of Rosenberg Mayor Cynthia McConathy

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Chambers County Commissioner Gary Nelson called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:04 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 in Conference Room B at 3555 Timmons Lane in Houston and presided throughout. Chair Nelson stated that a quorum was present.

1. INVOCATION

At the request of Chair Nelson, Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark presented the invocation.

2. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

At the request of Chair Nelson, City of Manvel Mayor Delores Martin led Board members in reciting the Pledges of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and the State of Texas.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Nelson recognized City of Bunker Hill Village Council Member Susan Schwartz and City of League City Councilman Larry Millican who were present in the audience.

Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams reported that former Brazoria County Commissioner and former H-GAC Board Member Dr. Jack Harris, passed away on March 13, 2016. Commissioner Adams noted that Dr. Harris was a six-term State Representative of Brazoria County, and a three-term County Commissioner. Commissioner Adams then gave information regarding Dr. Harris' funeral services.

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Nelson called for the Consent Agenda. He asked if any member of the Board wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for special consideration, hearing no response, Mayor Martin moved approval of the consent agenda. City of Meadows Place Alderman Terry Henley seconded the motion. Chair Nelson called for any discussion or comments, hearing none Chair Nelson then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval.

The following items were acted on by approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. **H-GAC Board of Directors Minutes February 21, 2017**—approved of minutes of the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting.
- b. **National Fair Housing Month**—adoption of resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month for the H-GAC region.
- c. **Aging Services Montgomery County Satellite Office**—authorized three-year lease not to exceed \$62,490 with East Loop Partnership Real Estate for the Montgomery County aging services satellite office.
- d. **Aging Services Contracts**—authorized contracts totaling \$114,519 with providers for evidence based disease intervention education.

- e. **Traffic Control, Enforcement and Signal Preemption Equipment**—authorized to negotiate contracts with each respondent listed in the Contract Award Recommendations Table for Traffic Control, Enforcement and Signal Preemption Equipment.
- f. **2017 Outreach and Communications**—authorized contract with Gilbreath Communications, Inc. for \$89,700 covering year one of a two-year contract to provide Outreach and Communications solutions and services to the cooperative purchasing program.
- g. **Clean Cities Program Agreement**—authorized to amend agreement with U.S. Department of Energy for Clean Cities Program activities; for addition of \$45,000 and for total contract amount not to exceed \$90,000.
- h. **Clean Vehicles Program Agreements**—authorized agreements for acquisition of ten heavy-duty diesel trucks; amount not to exceed \$1,260,192.

5. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

a. Monthly Financial Report

Chair Nelson recognized Commissioner Adams, Chair of the H-GAC Finance and Budget Committee to present the report. Commissioner Adams noted that the Finance and Budget Committee met prior to the Board meeting, the committee met with a quorum. He then asked H-GAC Chief Financial Officer Nancy Haussler to deliver details of the report. Mrs. Haussler presented the financial status report for the month of February 2017, she noted that nearly all membership dues have been received. Mrs. Haussler also reported on some variances noted in the financial report and stated that Summer months were very busy and would likely reflect large increases in state grant revenue. She then requested approval of the report. Commissioner Adams moved approval of the monthly financial report. Mayor Martin seconded the motion. Chair Nelson called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval.

6. HUMAN SERVICES

a. Workforce Additional Funds

Chair Nelson introduced H-GAC Director of Human Services Mike Temple for the report. Mr. Temple reported that from time to time additional funds have been provided to expand services through the Gulf Coast Workforce Board's Workforce Solutions system. He stated that additional funds of \$2,658,283 were received from Texas Workforce Commission, San Jacinto College, and Bay Area Houston Technology Consortium. Mr. Temple noted that the additional funds would assist adult education, summer jobs for youth with disabilities, 2016 performance awards, Ombudsman staff, and recruiting, eligibility determination for technical training. Mr. Temple briefly went over the list of contractors, the recommended additional funds for each contractor, and the purpose of the funds.

Alderman Henley moved approval of the request for Workforce additional funds. City of Missouri City Council Member Floyd Emery seconded the motion. Chair Nelson called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval.

7. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

a. Regional Incident Management

Chair Nelson recognized H-GAC Transportation Director Alan Clark to present the report. Mr. Clark reported the request presented was a funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. The funding agreement would provide approximately \$5 million to the region, which would then pass-through to local governments to implement the Regional Incident Management Program. The funding would support the Harris County Sheriff's Office Motorist Assistance Program and freeway surveillance staffing at Houston TranStar. Mr. Clark noted that opportunities to expand beyond the current region were being planned for the future. Liberty County Judge Jay Knight moved approval. Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath seconded the motion. Chair Nelson called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval.

8. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

a. Legislative Committee

Chair Nelson recognized Alderman Henley Chair of the Legislative Committee. Alderman Henley reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting. He then spoke in detail about Senate Bill 2.

Mr. Steele then reported on additional bills that he felt would be of interest to the Board. Mr. Steele reported on Senate Bill 6, the Texas Privacy Act, he noted that the bill had been modified to eliminate privately owned business facilities and rental venues that may be owned by local governments but would not preclude a bathroom facility in City Hall or County Courthouse. Mr. Steele also reported on ride-share companies such as Uber and Lyft noting the bill would take regulation from local governments to move it to the State. Mr. Steele also commented briefly on House Bill 62 concerning texting while driving, and Senate Joint Resolution 1, which would provide property tax exemption for the surviving spouses of first responders fallen while in service. He also commented briefly on the current TxDOT Sunset Bill. Mr. Steele noted that staff would continue to follow bills of interest and report back.

Commissioner Meyers spoke briefly on House Bill 2482 and House Bill 2781, bills to enable the counties in the Houston region to participate in the Safe Clear Program. Commissioner Meyers asked those interested in supporting the bill to please contact him.

Discussion went back to Senate Bill 2 with several Board members making comments. No action was taken.

9. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

a. H-GAC Advisory Committee Appointments

Chair Nelson recognized H-GAC Chief Operations Officer Chuck Wemple to present the report. Mr. Wemple reported that additional nominations were submitted following the board packet mailout. The list presented included nominations to the Gulf Coast Workforce Board; Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation; Regional Flood Management; and to the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council. He then requested approval of the nominations. Mayor Martin moved approval of the committee appointments. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. Chair Nelson called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval.

10. RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

a. Resolution Honoring Retiring Board Member

Chair Nelson requested approval of the resolution honoring retiring board member Fort Bend ISD Trustee Kristin Tassin. Alderman Henley moved approval of the resolution. Mayor Martin seconded the motion. Chair Nelson called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval

11. INFORMATION

a. Executive Director's Report

Chair Nelson recognized Mr. Steele for the report. Mr. Steele stated that each Board member received a form requesting their delivery preference of the monthly Board agenda packet, whether by email, UPS, or both. He asked that the forms be completed at their convenience and returned to staff.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nelson noted that there being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.