

Executive Committee | Summary Minutes

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2019
CAPCOG Lantana Room
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 155
Austin, Texas 78744

Present (21)

Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, *Travis County*,
Chair

Council Member Andrea Navarrette, *City of Leander*, **1st Vice Chair**

Judge Paul Pape, *Bastrop County*, **2nd Vice Chair**

Mayor Jane Hughson, *City of San Marcos*,

Parliamentarian

Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, *City of Austin*

Mayor Monty Parker, *City of Bee Cave*

Judge Brett Bray, *Blanco County*

Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, *Burnet County*

Judge James Oakley, *Burnet County*

Judge Hoppy Haden, *Caldwell County*

Judge Joe Weber, *Fayette County*

Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, *Hays County*

Commissioner Maurice Pitts, *Lee County*

Judge Ron Cunningham, *Llano County*

Mayor Lew White, *City of Lockhart*

Council Member Mike Heath, *City of Pflugerville*

Council Member Tammy Young, *City of Round Rock*

Council Member William Gordon, *City of Smithville*

Commissioner Brigid Shea, *Travis County*

Commissioner Russ Boles, *Williamson County*

Commissioner Cynthia Long, *Williamson County*

Absent (7)

Mayor Brandt Rydell, *City of Taylor*, **Secretary**

Mayor George Haehn, *City of Buda*

Council Member Heather Jefts, *City of Cedar Park*

Judge Ruben Becerra, *Hays County*

State Representative John Cyrier

State Representative Celia Israel

State Representative Terry Wilson

1. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chair

Commissioner Daugherty called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and confirmed a quorum.

2. Consideration of Minutes for the March 13, 2019, Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Navarrette to approve the March 13, 2019, meeting minutes. Judge Oakley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the March 13, 2019, minutes were adopted.

3. Consider Adopting a Resolution Authorizing Submittal of the Regional Law Enforcement Academy's State Fund 421 Grant Application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Randy Holmes, Director of Regional Law Enforcement Academy

Mr. Holmes explained the current grant is for a two-year period and ends August 31, 2019, and the new grant starts September 1, 2019. This grant provides funds to operate CAPCOG's Regional Academy and allows for a director, chief instructor and office coordinator. It also subsidizes tuition fees for classes. With five months still left in the current grant period, the Academy has completed five Basic Peace Officer Courses (BPOC), graduating 81 new officers. The Academy has also sponsored three county correctional officer courses and a fourth course is in progress in Bastrop County. This will result in the graduation of 36 jailers. So far, the Academy has presented 71 in-services classes to 1,084 peace officers and 92 in-service telecommunicator classes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe to adopt a Resolution authorizing submittal of the Regional Law Enforcement Academy's State Fund 421 Grant Application and Mayor Hughson seconded the motion. Judge Pape suggested an amendment be made in the Resolution to include language to thank the Governor's office for the Academy's prior grant and the current grant. Commissioner Ingalsbe amended her motion to include such language and Mayor Hughson seconded the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider Proclaiming May 2019 as Older Americans Month
Patty Bordie, Director of Aging Services

Ms. Bordie announced that May 2019 is historically designated as Older Americans Month. This year's theme — *Connect, Create, Contribute* — recognizes communities that encourage the contributions of older adults and the role we all play in engaging and supporting our older community members. CAPCOG provides a number of services and programs that help older adults contribute to their communities through CAPCOG's health and wellness programs. There is also a great group of volunteers organized through CAPCOG's ombudsmen programs that go to nursing facilities and act as advocates for nursing facility residents and their families.

A motion was made by Judge Oakley to proclaim May 2019 as Older Americans Month and Mayor Hughson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider Proclaiming April 29, 2019 – May 3, 2019 as Air Quality Awareness Week
Andrew Hoekzema, Assistant Director of Regional and Planning Services

Mr. Hoekzema explained that because the ozone season for most of the country begins the last week of April through the first week of May, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated that week as National Air Quality Awareness week. The full ozone season begins as early as March 1st and continues through November 30th. Notably, CAPCOG has been a national leader when it comes to regional air quality planning and the City of Austin is one of the few areas in the country that received recognition for being in attainment of all air quality standards and for taking a proactive approach in making sure the region remains in attainment of those standards. Mr. Hoekzema pointed out that in Central Texas, 2 out of 5 residents would fall into a category identified as a "sensitive" group which includes children, seniors, adults with asthma or other respiratory diseases, and people who are active outdoors or work outdoors. Mr. Hoekzema encouraged each jurisdiction to consider issuing a similar Air Quality Awareness proclamation and offered to bring this subject back to the committee to explain what tools are currently available, investigate any issues about regional notification and how things are planned.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe to proclaim April 29, 2019 to May 3, 2019, as Air Quality Awareness Week and Mayor Hughson seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, Mr. Hoekzema went on to explain that Ozone Action Days are declared the afternoon before, but air quality forecasts can be made as far as five days in advance. When local news stations announce an Ozone Action Day in their broadcasts, it can make a huge difference on the public's level of awareness. In response to a question from Council Member Heath about whether WarnCentralTexas' database can be used to notify the public about an Ozone Action Day, Mr. Martin Ritchey, Director of Homeland Security, explained that the current WarnCentralTexas database can only be used for emergent communications. Commissioner Ingalsbe reaffirmed her motion to approve the Proclamation and Mayor Hughson reaffirmed her second with the provision that the Proclamation be made available to the General Assembly members. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider Appointments to Advisory Committees

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Cathy Avila, Administrative Coordinator

Ms. Avila announced that Council Member Tammy Young nominated Commander Andy McKinney to replace Commander Jim Stuart on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC). The Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) recommended Ms. Jane Pichette for the Public Health position on the HSTF and Judge Cunningham recommended Mr. Gilbert Bennett, Llano County Emergency Management Coordinator, for the Llano County vacancy.

Ms. Voights announced that there were two additional positions to fill on the HSTF. They were Small Fire Department, Chief Randy Jenkins, and At-Large, Chief Russell Sander. Mr. Craig Smith was also recommended to replace Major Art Arevalo for the Travis County slot on CJAC.

A motion was made by Judge Oakley to approve the recommendations for the advisory committees and Judge Cunningham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Updates from Staff

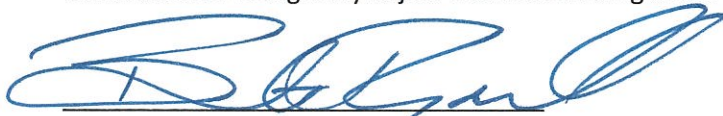
Betty Voights, Executive Director

Mr. Martin Ritchey reported on WarnCentralTexas activities that have taken place since the last meeting. CAPCOG staff selected a vendor to create and produce promotional materials including new banners and counter cards that will be provided to the jurisdictions. The counter cards will have a display rack and can be placed on a desktop or countertop inside offices to encourage people to sign up for WarnCentralTexas.

Mr. Chris Schreck, Director of Planning and Services, announced that the Call For Projects for the Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS) StratMap program is currently open and will close on May 31st. Mr. Schreck let the Committee know that any interested participants should contact CAPCOG's GIS Program Manager, Mr. Craig Eissler.

11. Adjourn

Commissioner Daugherty adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.



Mayor Brandt Rydell, Secretary
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