



Executive Committee | Summary Minutes

10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021
Austin Marriott South
4415 S IH 35 Frontage Road
Austin, Texas 78744

Present (23)

Judge Paul Pape, Bastrop County, **Chair**
Mayor Brandt Rydell, City of Taylor, **1st Vice Chair**
Mayor Lew White, City of Lockhart, **Secretary**
Judge Ron Cunningham, Llano County, **Parliamentarian**
Mayor Jane Hughson, City of San Marcos, **Immediate Past Chair**
Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, City of Austin
Mayor Pro Tem Lyle Nelson, City of Bastrop
Council Member Kevin Hight, City of Bee Cave
Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County
Judge Hoppy Haden, Caldwell County
Judge Joe Weber, Fayette County

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Pitts, City of Georgetown
Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County
Ms. Sandy Cox, City of Lakeway
Mayor Christine Sederquist, City of Leander
Commissioner Steven Knobloch, Lee County
Council Member Mike Heath, City of Pflugerville
Council Member Matthew Baker, City of Round Rock
Council Member Janice Bruno, City of Smithville
Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County
Commissioner Brigid Shea, Travis County
Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County
Commissioner Cynthia Long, Williamson County

Absent (6)

Judge James Oakley, Burnet County, **2nd Vice Chair**
Judge Brett Bray, Blanco County
Representative John Cyrier

Representative Celia Israel
Representative Terry Wilson
Representative Erin Zwiener

1. **Call to Order by the Chair**

Judge Pape called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and lead the pledge of allegiances to national and state flags.

2. **Consider Approval of Minutes for the August 11, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting**

Judge Pape asked for a motion on the minutes. A motion was made by Judge Cunningham to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ingalsbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consider Approval of Title III – Nutrition Program FY 2022 Older Americans Act Services Rates**

Patty Bordie, Director of Aging Services

Ms. Bordie explained to the Executive Committee that Texas Health and Humans Services Commission requires Area Agencies on Aging to renegotiate rates for nutrition services on an annual basis. The new rates become a part of the CAPCOG contract with the meal service providers. Despite setting the rates, CAPCOG will not know the funding levels for nutrition program until later in the year, she said.

Commissioner Dockery stated all the rates looked the same. Ms. Bordie responded by saying meal service rates generally stay the same, but the number of meals distributed changes from year to year. A motion was made by Commissioner Dockery to approve the nutrition program's service rates. Mayor Hughson

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Declaring October 2021 as CAPCOG Cybersecurity Awareness Month
Martin Ritchey, Director of Homeland Security

Mr. Ritchey explained that since 2004 the Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance have recognized October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. There is ever increasing emphasis on cybersecurity as more cyberattacks and cybercrimes occur, some which have targeted and impacted local governments in the CAPCOG region. Mr. Ritchey said CAPCOG would develop a social media campaign and provide its resolution to local governments to help raise awareness on cybersecurity issues.

A motion was made by Ms. Cox to recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Council Member Heath seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Judge Pape noted that cybersecurity is an important issue because how prevalent of topic has become for governments, businesses, and families.

5. Consider Authorizing an EDA Build Back Better Regional Application
Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights explained the Build Back Better Program is a competitive grant being funded through the Economic Development Administration's American Rescue Plan Act monies. The program is seeking regional planning projects as part of Phase I funding awards and then implementing those plans as part of its Phase II funding awards. Ms. Voights said the EDA Austin Regional Director is hoping at least 15 projects from the five-state area the office oversees apply for Phase I, so five to six projects can be awarded Phase II funding. CAPCOG is in a good position given the Capital Area Economic Development District board in its recent meeting began working to scope a project. The initial thought was to expand manufacturing in the automotive and semiconductor industries in the region along with support infrastructure. Helping to establish a multimodal facility in San Marcos, which has already been planned, and another on the northern portion of the region could benefit in attracting businesses. Ms. Voights said there is a lot of work still to be done on creating an application and in the planning such a project to include talking to representatives in those industry sectors.

Ms. Cox voiced her support for such a project and applying for the federal funds. She stated the region and the state need to reduce their reliance of foreign supply chains, and the region could become a hub for the two industries just as it became Silicon Hills. Mayor Sederquist said such projects would check all the boxes for the Build Back Better Program. Judge Pape asked, what does the region offer such business to locate here? Ms. Voights explained that would be discovered if the region was awarded Phase I money which would pay for planning.

Judge Weber asked if the state was going to apply. Ms. Voights didn't know but offered to involve the state in CAPCOG's application process.

A motion was made by Mayor Sederquist to authorize CAPCOG to submit a Build Back Better funding application. Mayor Hughson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Judge Pape requested that any board members interested in the Phase I project application join a working group. Council Member Bruno offered to participate in addition to those already participating.

6. Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committees
Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

Ms. Brea said that Commissioner Long has nominated Ty Murphy to the Aging Advisory Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Long to approve the appointment. Council Member Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Staff Reports

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights reminded the Executive Committee that it was time to self-nominate to serve as member of the 2022 Executive Committee. She said the forms were mailed and are available online.

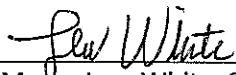
Mr. Ritchey told the Executive Committee that CAPCOG is anticipating about \$52 million in mitigation money from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for those counties affected by Hurricane Harvey in 2016, — Bastrop, Lee, Caldwell, and Fayette. CAPCOG could also receive some of the funding for regional projects. Mr. Ritchey explained what constitutes a mitigation project and said a small group of the Homeland Security Task Force members are already discussing perimeters for selecting projects to fund as well as the project selection process. The minimum award is currently estimated at \$1 million per project.

Judge Weber asked if the monies would be coming from the GLO, and Judge Pape asked if a set aside was planned for Fayette County since it was the most impacted. Mr. Ritchey explained the contract for distributing the money is still under negotiation with the GLO and then CAPCOG will develop a method of distribution, which requires public input, before local governments apply for the funding. Commissioners Howard and Shea asked that housing and water conservation projects be included. Judge Pape told Mr. Ritchey that CAPCOG should create an ad hoc committee with representatives from the four counties.

Ms. Voights asked if the Executive Committee could revisit Item No. 6 to fill a vacancy on the GIS Planning Council. Judge Pape said yes. Council Member Kelly nominated Lauren Tijerina to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Commissioner Long to approve the appointment. Commissioner Dockery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjourn

Judge Pape adjourned the meeting at 10:53.



Mayor Lew White, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

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Date