

Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC)

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Texas Capitol
1100 Congress Ave
Austin, TX 78701

January 14, 2020

TMPC MEMBERS/OOG STAFF PRESENT:

Chair Kevin Pottinger
Commissioner Carol Bonds
Commissioner Garry Bradford
Commissioner Darrell Coleman
Commissioner Tom Duncavage
Commissioner Woody Gilliland
Commissioner Shannalea Taylor
Commissioner Dennis Lewis
Commissioner Kenneth Sheets
Commissioner Bill Shine
Commissioner James Whitmore
Keith Graf, TMPC Executive Director
Alexandra Taylor, TMPC Program Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kate Miller, Office of the Governor
Bob Samborski, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
Gene Tulich, Ellington Field Task Force
Zach Walker, Defense Innovation Unit
Michael Bob Starr, Texas Military Value Task Force
Henry Ostermann, Texas Military Value Task Force
Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
Mark Wagner, Corpus Christi Army Depot
Kresten Cook, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
Alan Wiernicki, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
Ken Cox, Texas Military Value Task Force
Mike Boyd, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
Jean Shine, U.S. Army CASA
Major Matt Strongin, 301st Fighter Wing, USAF
Colonel Randall Cason, 301st Fighter Wing, USAF
Nina Shelat, Texas Military Forces
Findley Brewster, Texas A&M NRI
Keith Sledd, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
Steve Bonner, SONRI
Charlie Bonds
Katrina Wilson
Alan Wilson

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:55 AM WITH INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES, INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Annette Sobel was excused from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 30, 2019 meeting were approved. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed unanimously.

DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT PRESENTATION

Mr. Zach Walker presented the activities of DIU in Texas. DIU has the ability to contract with companies looking to grow their innovative ideas. They also work with the National Security Innovation Lab, AFWERX, and Army Applications Lab among others.

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE CHANGES

The commissioners reviewed the posting to the Texas Administrative Code. They approved the proposed amendments and repealed certain administrative rules. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Shine. The commission also gave Keith Graf the ability to make non-substantive changes. Commissioner Sheets made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Whitmore.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

The commissioners had the opportunity to provide updates on their installations. Updates include staffing changes on the installations including new leadership, new missions moving to Texas in active duty and reserve components, and helpful P4 and IGSA programs ongoing across installations.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Director Keith Graf provided updates to legislative session and ongoing projects including the success of the wind energy study by Texas A&M NRI and ways to support military families by providing information about State of Texas programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Bonner let the commissioners know about the new county IGSA in the San Antonio area and the subsequent implementation. Colonel Randall Cason gave an update on the 301st Fighter Wing working to get F-35s delivered to the wing.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The Commission established the next TMPC meeting date as March 30, 2020.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Duncavage, seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously.