

Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC)

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Commissioners met by teleconference to ensure careful adherence to the Open Meetings Act.

March 30, 2020

TMPC MEMBERS/OOG STAFF PRESENT:

Chair Kevin Pottinger
Commissioner Patrick Akuna
Commissioner Carol Bonds
Commissioner Garry Bradford
Commissioner Darrell Coleman
Commissioner Tom Duncavage
Commissioner Woody Gilliland
Commissioner Dennis Lewis
Commissioner Benjamin Miranda
Commissioner Kenneth Sheets
Commissioner Annette Sobel
Commissioner Shannalea Taylor
Commissioner James Whitmore
Keith Graf, TMPC Executive Director
Alexandra Taylor, TMPC Program Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Joseph Behnke, Office of the Governor
Findley Brewster, Texas A&M NRI
Tom Tagliabue, Texas Mayors of Military Communities
John Benson, City of Beeville
Blanca Larsen, Del Rio
Marco Garcia, City of San Antonio
Natalie Eckstrom, Nueces County
Dana Scott, Texas A&M - Texarkana
Tim Woliver, City of San Antonio
Keith Sledd, Governor's Committee to Support the Military

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:03 AM. THE MEETING HELD BY TELECONFERENCE DUE TO IMPACT OF COVID-19.

ATTENDANCE

All commissioners were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Sobel, and passed unanimously.

DEAAG Awards

The commissioners were presented with the final averaged scores from the grant submissions they received. They approved awards to the following: The City of Abilene, Alamo Area Council of Governments, The City of Corpus Christi, The City of El Paso, The City of Texarkana, and Tom Green County. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Bonds, seconded by Commissioner Miranda, and passed unanimously.

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE CHANGES

The commissioners considered the proposed amendments to certain commission administrative rules and the proposed repeal of certain administrative rules to update the policies and procedures of the

commission. Commissioner Sobel made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Bradford. The commission also gave Keith Graf the ability to make non-substantive changes. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Duncavage.

The commissioners considered the proposed repeal of certain administrative rules to update the policies and procedures of the commission. Commissioner Whitmore made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Sobel. The commission also gave Keith Graf the ability to make non-substantive changes. Commissioner Bonds made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Bradford.

The commissioners considered the re-adoption of certain administrative rules to because the rules continue to exist. Commissioner Sobel made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The commission also gave Keith Graf the ability to make non-substantive changes. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Director Keith Graf provided updates to DEAG program including an overview of the projects submitted for funding. Keith noted updates to the Military Spouse Summit which has been delayed until the fall due to COVID-19. The Association of Defense Communities summit and Association of the U.S. Army have been postponed until the fall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Sledd – Comment responding to Dr. Sobel regarding funding being rolled over to next funding opportunity if the commission is concerned about the funding being diverted for use during the pandemic as decided by the Governor. Keith Graf clarifies that voting has closed and the additional funding from the second DEAG scoring round cannot be rolled into the additional project. Dr. Sobel responded noting that it would be okay if the DEAG funding had to be used for public health support during the pandemic if the Governor so chooses.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The chairman thanks everyone for their time and flexibility during the pandemic. The chairman welcomes the two new commissioners: Patrick Akuna and Benjamin Miranda, Jr. The chairman also welcomed returning commissioners: Carol Bonds, Garry Bradford, and Darrell Coleman.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The Commission established the next TMPC meeting date as August 24, 2020.

ADJOURN

The chairman closed the meeting with an invocation. The chairman adjourned the meeting.