

## **Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC)**

### **Quarterly Meeting**

Commissioners met by teleconference to ensure careful adherence to the Open Meetings Act. Pursuant to section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require a quorum or a presiding officer to be physically present at a specified meeting location.

January 25, 2021

#### **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

***THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:09 AM. THE MEETING HELD BY TELECONFERENCE DUE TO IMPACT OF COVID-19.***

#### **ATTENDANCE**

All commissioners were in attendance.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The commissioners approved the Quarterly Meeting minutes of the November 11, 2020 meeting. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Miranda, seconded by Commissioner Sobel, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The commissioners approved the Special Meeting minutes of the December 1, 2020 Revolving Loan Fund meeting. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Whitmore, seconded by Commissioner Akuna, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **DEFENSE ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT (DEAAG) AWARDS**

Keith Graf, Executive Director, presented the final averaged scores from the submitted scoring sheets by the commissioners. After a few minutes of discussion, the commissioners decided to award the top 5 scoring applications and then award the remaining amount to the sixth if the sixth could provide a project scalable to the amount of funding they were receiving. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Bradford, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Each of the commissioners was asked to provide updates on the installations with Sobel and Sheets being allowed to pass since neither have a home installation. Most installations were just starting to begin operations and training after 2020 COVID protocols closed many installations to the community.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Keith provided updates on early legislation and session. He also let the commissioners know that Space Command HQ was not chosen to come to Texas but the Defense Health Agency might still move their headquarters to San Antonio.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The chairman thanks everyone for their time and flexibility during the pandemic.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The commission set their next meeting date to May 3, 2021.

**ADJOURN**

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

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