

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2019
Wyndham Garden Hotel, Executive Learning Center
4:15 PM to 6:15 PM

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Walter C. Graham. Invocation was led by Sue S. Wilson. The pledges were led by Dr. Richard Garnett.

Many guests and prospective new members were in attendance.

The roll was called by Secretary Pat J. Porter with a quorum being present.

The Minutes from the April EC meeting were approved as presented.

The agenda was adopted.

The Financial Reports for the quarter ending June 30 were given by Rhonda Rogers, Comptroller, and accepted,

Reports from Administrative Committees:

Sherry Hubbard, Chair of Communications Committee, said TSHL Documents have been reviewed and taken to the printer for publication. 175 copies were printed at a cost of \$1329.00. Copies will be available at Operations. Business cards for new members consistent with returning members are available for order at a cost of \$9.95 for 500 cards. The tabletop display has been used by several members in giving presentations and can be shipped to any member who needs it. A 6 ft table cover and a round table cover will be sent with the display along with a check list of items that can be displayed such as brochures, business cards, Legislative Reports, Top Ten Resolutions lists, and a place for new legislative ideas. In the planning stage is establishing a central log of presentations by the Communications chair. Alternative tabletop displays using vinyl banners proposed at a cost of \$529.00 are under consideration. .

Barbara Aydlett, Chair of Elections and Credentials, reported that there are 28 new members, along with 17 mid-term members that are returning. She suggested a token recognition for the AAA directors or whomever in their offices handled our elections. A question was heard from the audience that perhaps a survey be taken of the AAAs to answer the question: why are people joining TSHL?

The Finance Committee report was given by Wayne Merrill. He reminded the membership that the Finance Committee has two major jobs: publication of the Silver Directory and developing the next biennial budget. He said the goal of the last Directory was \$40,000.00 in sales and a gross sales figure was shown at \$43,700. He stated that if each member would sell \$500.00 of ads, we would show a substantial increase in our funding.

Ted Hubert, Chair of Operations Committee, reported that there were 73 members in attendance today. All packets of information were prepared and ready to distribute beginning at 1 PM Sunday.

Linda Parrish, Chair of LAC Committee, reported that we have been successful in getting many of our Resolutions turned into Texas laws. Of the 7000+ bills filed, over 1500 reached floor debate in the Texas Legislature on a variety of topics. Several TSHL members spent time in the Capitol testifying before Committee hearings. She also reminded us that our legislators may not be sitting on the dais, but some of our TSHL members are in that legislator's area of influence and we can tell them who their TSHL member is from our listing made this term. She reminded us that the big work is done in the LIC Committees. She also presented and distributed a report of the Bills based on our Resolutions

Reports from Legislative Issues Committees:

No report from Criminal Justice in the absence of chair Bill Bailey.

Education report was given by Trini Garza. R01, R02 and R03 are some of the Resolutions that came out of this committee re retirement issues for retired teachers and employees. Scott Christensen has, along with others, been closely following the several bills that have been filed in the TX Legislature. Several members have educated Texas Legislators on needs for retired educators and other employees. Other Resolutions, #s 20, 34, and 48 has some success in being included in the State Budget.

Health and Human Resources chair Sue Wilson gave a brief report on the Telemedicine bill, HB 1782 sponsored by Rep. Phillip Cortez, which made it out of the House but did not heard in the Senate. Other bills re the APRN issue have been addressed by several separate bills, but only HB 387 by Cortez passed and it addressed only workmans' compensation paperwork.

Human Services chair, Mary Pat Smith, has been testifying at the Capitol on several bills, including one on medically underserved rural communities.

Insurance Committee chair, Richard Garnett, reiterated his desire for more members on the Insurance Committee and will send anyone who wants them his substantial list of topics that could be addressed in the Insurance Committee. These topics could be used at the Training Session to help members address issues with which they might not be familiar and will help to possible increase the number of resolutions written to be considered in our Legislative Session.

Retirement & Aging: several items including guardianship, senior housing, and tax code changes were reported.

Rural - Urban report was given by Scott Christensen. Our R08 was picked up and written as SB 14 which is allowing rural electric coops to offer broadband coverage in rural areas.

No **State Affairs** report was given in the absence of Chair Irma Cauley.

Utilities & Natural Resources had no report in the absence of chair Ruben Saenz.

Reports from Special Committees:

Scott Christensen reported on the Training Committee planning for Orientation later this

week. . He will be explaining the two-year cycle on which we operate and other speakers. will be covering other materials. Al Campbell will present “how to get started in TSHL”, Sue Wilson will cover the resolution process, and a panel will discuss advocacy.

The Awards Committee has one more candidate for award this session: Paul Stempko for People’s Choice Award. Upon motion made, seconded, and voted, this award was approved.

The Fall Training Session will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, October 20-24, 2019. Further details will follow.

The next EC meeting will be July 18, 2019, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, beginning at 4:15 PM in the Executive Learning Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat J. Porter, Secretary

Announcements:

2019 dates for EC Meetings and Orientation Session*

TSHL Orientation Session	July 14-18, 2019	Wyndham	Austin, TX
TSHL Training Session	October 20-24, 2019	Wyndham	Austin, TX

*Meetings subject to change in date and place

To the TSHL Executive Committee

The Sine Die Edition Report of The 17th TSHL Legislative Action Committee.

Chair, Linda Parrish

July 14, 2019

I. Recognition:

These members of the 2017-2019 LAC committee deserve recognition for their outstanding commitment and work:

Paul Stempko, Vice Chair
Sue Wilson, Secretary
Bill Bailey & Danny Volcik, Criminal Justice
Trini Garza, Education
Sue Wilson, Health & Human Resources
Mary Pat Smith, Human Services
Richard Garnett, Insurance
Barbara Lampert & Don Murphy, Retirement & Aging
Scott Christensen & Ken Arterbury, Rural-Urban
Irma Cauley, State Affairs
Ruben Saenz & Louise Butler, Utilities & Natural Resources

In addition to these LIC chairs and LAC members, a special thank you is extended to Former TSHL member Alan Abraham for his conscientious and continued interest in the legislative effort of this organization. Also kudos go to Susan Merrick and Mona Bailey, Alan Abraham, & Sue Wilson for their assistance in the research effort that resulted in the TSHL Members/Elected Constituents Directory. And of course, Pat Porter who worked her magic, even later than the LAC, preparing the results of our work.

These, and others, have spent late nights in LAC meetings, have distributed Legislative Reports, have provided testimony, have assisted in the development of the TSHL member/Tx. Senator/Representative directory, have chaired LIC meetings, and have tracked specific TSHL resolutions through the Texas Legislative process, according to the Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter III-Advocacy Responsibilities A.3.c.

With the absence of long term members, Chris Kyker and Carlos Higgins, these members have stepped up to fill the enormous void and they are to be celebrated.

II. Review of the 17th TSHL Resolutions and Resulting Bills by the 86th Texas Legislature follows:

17th TSHL Resolutions Relating to Gov. Signed, or other action item,
Bills by the 86th Texas Legislature (2019)

TSHL R#/TL Bill #	Tx. Legislative Author	Relating to:
R 01 / SB 12	Huffman Bonnen	Increasing the financial strength of the TRS pension system (Gov. Signed)
R 01 / SB 500	Nelson Zerwas	Supplemental funding - Actuarial Soundness & TRS retiree 13 th check (Gov. signed)
R 02 / SB 2428	Bettencourt	Maintaining defined benefits to teachers (defeat is victory) Died in Committee.
R 03 / HB 1	Zerwas Nelson	Increasing TRS-Care by increasing State's contribution & no premium increases (Governor Signed)
R 05 / HB 1848	Klick Buckingham	Increasing funding for Adult Safety Net Flu Immunization (Gov. signed)
R 08 / SB 14	Nichols Kuempel	Expanding opportunities for Tx. Rural Electric Cooperatives to add broadband services (Gov. signed)
R 12 /HB 883	Thierry Zaffirini	Using the internet to obtain information about an elderly person for fraudulent purposes. Increases fines (Gov. signed)
R 24 / HB 3703	Klick Campbell	Allowing physicians to prescribe low dose Cannabis for certain conditions in addition to Epilepsy (Gov. Signed)
R 29 / HB 1	Zerwas Nelson	Supporting Medicaid Community Attendants by increasing wages to \$8.10/hr. from the previous \$8.00/hr. (Gov. signed)
R 38 / SB 31	Zaffirini Smithee	Establishing a guardianship abuse, fraud, & exploitation deterrent program (Gov. signed)
R 40 / HB 1	Zerwas Nelson	Continued Line Item funding for Senior Corps (Gov. signed)

R 42 / HB 278	Buckingham Sheffield	Streamlining physician licensing requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses <i>Partial success</i> (Gov. signed)
R 43 / HB 871	Price Perry	Establishing the use of telemedicine by certain trauma facilities (Gov. signed)
R 44 / HB 1848	Klick Buckingham	Reporting communicable diseases in certain long-term facilities (Gov. signed)

End of report

End of Minutes

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Texas Silver-Haired Legislature
17th and 18th Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2019
Wyndham Garden Hotel, Lady Bird Lake Room
11:15 AM to 11:45 AM

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Walter C. Graham. Invocation was led by Joe Henderson. The pledges were led by Mike Sandoval.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted.

Reports from Administrative Committees:

Communications: Linda Timmerman, Chair said she and her committee are excited to begin their first term.

E&C : Mike Meier is the new chair and stated that he is blessed to have such a talented group of members.

Finance: Pat J. Porter is the new chair following Wayne Merrill. Finance Committee duties include fundraising by the Silver Directory and establishing the biennial budget.

Operations report was given by Tom Hesse for Joan Blackmon. He reports that the Operations Committee is so great it will leave all the other Adm committees in the dust.

LAC Chair Scott Christensen reported that at the LAC meeting all 9 LIC chairs were in attendance and stressed the importance of the LIC chairs to the membership.

Reports from Legislative Issues Committees:

Criminal Justice new chair is Danny Volcik. In his absence, Vice Chair Johnny Waldrip, gave a report that CJ is ready to go

Education report was given by Earl Wall. This committee has 19 members and discussed 14 topics for resolutions.

Health and Human Resources returning chair Sue Wilson introduced the Vice Chair, Vi Hebert, and Secretary Irma Cauley. Ten or more topics were discussed for interim study and this committee will collaborate with R&A and HS.

Human Services new chair, Alicia deJong-Davis, stressed the collaborative efforts of the three committees, HHR, HS, and R&A.

Insurance Committee Vice Chair, Capt Bob Bratcher reported that parameters are being established to help direct resolutions to the Insurance Committee for consideration

Retirement & Aging new chair, Irene Andrews after stating that she had the BEST committee, noted they would be studying transportation and affordable senior housing as prime targets.

Rural - Urban report was given by new chair Susan Merrick who offered kudos to Scott Christensen for his work in the prior term on this committee. Several topics are under consideration.

State Affairs report was given by new chair, Mike Sandoval, who also has a great committee and will be doing research on bill that did not pass the Senate in the past term to see what topics are of interest to the Tx Legislature.

Utilities & Natural Resources new chair, Wayne Merrill, is assigning topics for members for study including water issues, petroleum-related issues, and eminent as the top 3.

The retiring and incoming officers were recognized. Incoming Officers are:

Speaker Rhonda Rogers
Speaker Pro Tem Sherry Hubbard
Deputy Speaker Pro Tem Barbara Aydlett
Secretary, Pat V. Edgerley and
Comptroller Barbie Butler-Johnson.

Outgoing Speaker Walter Graham presented incoming Speaker Rhonda Rogers with an official House gavel and a smaller one for use in other sessions.

The new Speaker, Rhonda Rogers, opened the 18th Executive Committee meeting with a prayer and Mike Meier led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

A motion was made by Earl Wall and seconded to authorize the incoming Comptroller to select a bank and get signature cards. After considerable discussion, it was voted to approve the motion with one nay vote.

The calendar was set and the next EC meeting will be held October 20, 2019, in the Executive Learning Center, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin, TX at a time to be determined and announced later.

The Concho Valley delegation has invited the EC to San Angelo for the early 2020, meeting at the date and place to be announced later. This meeting may be scheduled for January or February, also to be announced.

The 2020 TSHL Legislative Session has not yet been scheduled with the House or hotel, but is expected to be in the last two weeks or April or first week in May.

Ad Hoc Committees and chairs were announced by Speaker Rogers:

Training Committee – Joe Henderson
Ethics Committee – Nancy O. Hardin
Memorial Committee – Dolores Garcia
Proposed Resolutions Review Panel (PRRP) – Linda Parrish
Silver Bulletin Editor – Susan Merrick

Strategic Plan Development Committee – Paul Furukawa
Parliamentarian in other than Legislative Session – Pat J. Porter

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept all Ad Hoc assignments.

Barbara Aydlett, outgoing E&C Chair and current Deputy Speaker Pro Tem, moved to send a token gift to AAA directors not to exceed \$30.00 in appreciation of their work in holding our TSHL elections. These gifts can be given at the T4A meeting in September. Motion was seconded and approved on voice vote.

Other Ad Hoc Committees will be established including Documents Review.

Upon motion made, seconded, and approved, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat J. Porter, 17th Secretary and Pam Edgerly, 18th Secretary

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TSHL Training Session	October 20-24, 2019	Wyndham	Austin, TX
TSHL EC Meeting	October 20, 2019	Wyndham	Austin, TX
TSHL EC Meeting	January, 2020	San Angelo, Tx	
TSHL EC Meeting	April, 2020	Wyndham	Austin, TX

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