

**TSHL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**April 20, 2017**  
**Wyndham Garden Hotel - Executive Learning Center**  
**Austin, Tx**

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by Speaker Walter Graham, with Invocation by the Honorable Ted Hubert and pledges to the flags by the Honorable Bill Bailey.

Introduction of Susan Larson, wife of the Honorable Jamie Larson was made.

Roll call made by Secretary Judy Ward and a quorum was established.

Motion made by Bill Bailey that the Agenda as written be adopted and motion was seconded.

Emailed minutes of January 12, 2017 minutes were approved with corrections with motion by the Honorable Irma Cauley and motion seconded.

Comptroller Rogers attended the TSHL Foundation meeting earlier in the day. The Gala did not make as much money as the past, but finances are still in good shape for the biannual. Speaker Graham was present at the Foundation meeting and presented them with a proposal to raise funds in the amount of \$75,000. The Foundation committed to study and advise. Foundation report Attachment #2 - 3 pages

The Honorable Rhonda Rogers, Comptroller, advised there were no major monetary changes made to the Financial Report of January, 2017, first quarter report attachment #2. The new budget was approved via email in November and sent to all members. The new budget procedures have already been adopted and are attached for information. Attachment #1

Speaker Graham gave report on the Gala. Attendance was good but less than in years past. TSHL honored State Legislators who were retiring in lieu of active Legislators as in the past. Auction was successful due to the efforts of TSHL members. Wayne Merrill furnished a trip to Las Vegas, Pat Porter a dove hunt, Betty Streckfuss a Galveston beach vacation, Mona and Bill Bailey a Ft. Worth vacation. Carolyn Williams and Rhonda Rogers recognized as volunteers.

Speaker Pro Tem, Mona Bailey, gave report on Senior Day at the Capitol. There was great participation by members of TSHL. Many members met the day before to hand Resolution packages to the Legislator. On Senior day a booth was set up in the Rotunda, that day was also Doctor Day. The TSHL APRN resolution was not liked by the Doctors, but was received well by others. This is now HB1415. The Honorable Mary Pat Smith advised that she is consulting with a Care Co. and feels that HB1415 is a boon to the State as people are finding it difficult to find doctors who take Medicare and many doctors who accepted in the past are now retiring.

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Reports attached by the Honorable Al Campbell and the Honorable Jamie Larson. Al Campbell especially wants to see a uniform TSHL business card. He is to advise of a standard and the cost via email. Jamie will not be a member next Session but has provided flash drives of his information for future directories, etc. See Attachment #4 - 2 pages.

**ELECTIONS and CREDENTIALS:** Chair, Honorable Barbara Aydlett, was unable to attend but send report. See Attachment #5

**OPERATIONS:** Chair, Honorable Ted Hubert, presented report and advised that the Operations Committee is gearing up to "get 'er done" for the upcoming 17<sup>th</sup> Orientation Session. In addition to the attached report Ted

advise that Waller High School will be the Color Guard. Honorable Elsie Whiteside asked if Hospitality Room could be open during the day for use of spouses who attend with members. Secretary Judy Ward advised that the Training Information packets for binders and the new member binders will be numbered. Members will be responsible to keep track of the enclosed information for all sessions, this to hopefully cut back on printing costs. Attachment #6- 3 pages

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** Chair, Honorable Carlos Higgins, gave report that action is continuing on working with the State Legislature. He will not be returning as a member of TSHL and wants all members to work with their Legislators on all issues and especially any Resolution they proposed. At this time 6,000 bills have been filed with the House and 3,000 with the Senate. Takes more than one person to keep track of what bills are affecting TSHL. About 15 people responded to his email requesting input of what each individual knew about the status of bills. Reminded members of our support of Cannabis uses for medical purposes. The Governor is against and asked that all need to mail their Legislators and remind our support. Carlos feels we should be against the combining of "Silver Alert" with the other Alert services as this could be confusing, not throw other ages in, keep as "Silver". The "Vision Bill" has the support of many TSHL members and the Honorable Larry Johnson has given testimony. Carlos responded to Rhonda that is difficult to keep up with and alert members. Mona Bailey has set up "TLO" and receives email alerts. Jamie Larson said that the LIC's should be a bigger part of the Legislative process on keeping track of bills and reporting to TSHL. Carlos feels our organization is doing a great job of producing and writing Resolutions but, need to find a better way of presenting, marketing and keeping track of those bills produced. CAPCO will be honoring Carlos and his years of service on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM at their offices.

**FINANCIAL:** No report.

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEES:**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** The Honorable Bill Bailey, chair, reported his committee has been monitoring the "gang activity" HB731, TSHL members have testified, but the bill is still in committee.

**HUMAN SERVICES:** The Honorable Mary Pat Smith, Chair, has no issues to report

No reports from the other committees.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**TRAINING:** Speaker Graham advised, in the absence of Honorable Joe Henderson, who is working on special training for new members on Sunday of Orientation. He plans to focus training on computer, parliamentary, town halls, etc. during Orientation.

**DOCUMENTS REVIEW:** The Honorable Jene Liaci reported that the committee has completed their reviews as of this date. Proposed changes to manuals #2 through 8 were presented. Honorable Wayne Merrill made motions to accept, motion seconded and approved. All changes have to be made by April 19<sup>th</sup> and sent to printer. Attachment #7

**TECHNOLOGY:** The Honorable Pat Porter presented report of meeting held April 7, 2017, transferring Committee responsibilities to her from Chris Kyker, who will no longer be able to participate in TSHL. A new chair will be appointed by the Speaker of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session. Pat inquired as to the copies of Roberts Rules of Order that were issued at last Training Session. Secretary Judy Ward asked for copy so could be included in the Orientation packets. Speaker Graham advised that a local celebration had been held for Chris last week in Abilene and the local paper honored Chris on the front page. Attachment #8

AWARDS: The Honorable Jane Blay reported that only a few nominations had been received. TSHL as a whole needs to work a method of approving for awards. Honorable Else Whiteside stated can't nominate if we don't know what they are doing in their community. Speaker Graham commented that award nominations should be concentrated on work done in TSHL, not just the community. Jane asked that members advise her of any nominations for the freshman award. This award is voted on by the EC.

SILVER BULLETIN: Speaker Graham advised that the *Silver Bulletin* will be forwarded to members via email on Monday thanks to the Honorable Sherry Hubbard, Editor.

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:**

SPEAKER PRO TEM, Mona Bailey, made a presentation to her Sunday school class; next week will be at a Health & Human Services Expo and will be there with the display. She has had 2 meetings with her Legislators in Austin. Representative Kraus asked what he could do for TSHL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER, Bruce Davis, not able to attend and will not be returning to TSHL for health reasons.

COMPTROLLER, Rhonda Rogers, report made earlier in meeting.

SECRETARY, Judy Ward, will not be returning for the 17<sup>th</sup> Session, but will be staying and doing paper work of Secretary and Operations Secretary thru 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Orientation.

NEW BUSINESS: Honorable Al Campbell feels there is a problem with non-unity of TSHL business cards. The TSHL business card is a great tool and should be unified. He proposes to use the monies left over from the Whiteside grant to purchase at least 50 cards per person, at least for all the new members. Jamie Larson said could get a good price from Newman printing. Rhonda asked how much. Al is to determine a design and advise on cost. Many people had ideas. Speaker Graham had the discussion put to rest. Al is to establish a committee, collect information for a format and advise.

SPEAKER, Walter Graham, in his closing remarks said we need more people. The position of Secretary will be vacant. The EC appoints the chair of the Administrative Committees and we need to start identifying who can serve.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy B. Ward  
Secretary