

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2014
La Quinta Hotel, Lady Bird Room
10:00 AM

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EVERYONE
ACHIEVES
MORE

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Pat Porter. Invocation was led by Albert Campbell. The pledges were led by Rudy Cantu.

The guests in attendance were Walter Graham, Mary Pat Smith, Liz Whiteside, Jamie Larson, Alan Abraham, Polo LaCoste, Linda Parrish, Carl Johnson, Trini Garza, and Fernando Rojas.

The roll was called by Mari Okabayashi, secretary. Quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted as presented. The minutes from January 13, 2014, were accepted.

The Financial Report by Rudy Cantu, Comptroller, attached, was presented. The report was accepted.

TSHLF Board Report was presented by Chris Kyker. Financial audit had been completed. There were no discrepancies.

Reports from Administrative Committees

Communications report was given by Al Campbell. He discussed the organization of the Communications Committee. The bills have been paid for the directory. He also discussed suggestions for next directory. A thank you was given to Jack Hayward, Jamie Larson and Ken Nesmith for their work on the directory.

Carlos Higgins discussed how LAC would be looking at the proposed resolutions that were reported out of each LIC.

Reports from LIC

Nancy Byler of Education said her committee has 6 proposed resolutions.

Health & Human Resources Chair Barbara Aydlett said that the committee will be looking at 17 proposed resolutions.

Human Services report was given by Chris Kyker. Chris reported the committee had set up an agenda and let each author know the approximate time his proposed resolution would be discussed.

Retirement and Aging report was given by William Carey. His committee has about 13 or 14 proposed resolutions.

Claude Andrews gave the Rural-Urban report. The committee would be considering Accessibility issues, seat belts on buses, walkable communities, homestead exemptions.

Acting Chair Jane Blay said the State Affairs Committee will review proposed resolutions dealing with veterans, licenses, etc.

Acting Chair Carol Peters for Utilities and Natural Resources have proposed resolution on electricity, water and natural gas.

Reports from Special Committees

Alan Abraham discussed the Ethics Review Panel. He suggested that written procedures be in place for the next orientation session which would address blast emails. Jerome Fletcher has requested his resignation to TSHL be accepted.

The Awards Committee report was given by chair Jane Blay. She will keep us informed on the deadlines for nominations.

Chris Kyker discussed the Technology Committee and the OnLine Academy. The top ten resolutions will be posted on line.

Steve Wilson has some health issues and was unable to attend.

Betty Trotter is in charge of Documents Review.

Discussions were held about having members at large to fill in the spots that are vacant. A pilot program was done several years ago. Motion was made and seconded to have members at large. Motion failed.

Mary Pat Smith would like TSHL to address sensitivity and discrimination towards those with handicaps. She suggested having the policy in writing in the By-Laws. A motion for written procedures in the By-Laws addressing special needs failed.

Jamie Larson discussed the color of the TSHL seal. Motion to have the TSHL seal being designated in specific colors failed.

M. Okabayashi
Secretary