

**Texas Silver-Haired Legislature
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2020**

Speaker Rhonda Rogers called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. May 4, 2020. Johnny Waldrip led the invocation, and Linda Timmerman led the Pledge to the Flags.

Acting Secretary Bobette Doerrie called the roll; a quorum was established with 29 voting members present at roll call and 25 other TSHL members present for a total of 54 attendees at the beginning of the call. The full attendance is attached.

The motion to accept the Agenda as emailed was made by Wayne Merrill and seconded by Mike Sandoval. The Agenda was accepted.

Speaker Rogers discussed the rules of behavior on a conference call, since this may be a new experience for many on the call.

The Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of January 30, 2020 were discussed. Pat Porter made a Point of Order, noting a correction in the date. Irene Andrews moved to accept the Minutes as revised and Jerry Tyson seconded, and the revised minutes were accepted.

We discussed the status of the Comptroller Reports; accurate reports have not been received in a timely manner. Committee chairs do not know the status of their budget, and there are other serious concerns. Ms. Butler-Johnson explained later that she lives in a rural area and does not have a private computer. She has little access to technology at her library, which she has been using for computer access, and said she had limited access to her bank with the recent lockdown caused by the corona virus.

Under Committee Reports: Administrative Committees:

Linda Timmerman, Chair of the **Communications** Committee, reported that a bid has been received for the printing of the TSHL Official Documents book and the Legislative Report. She also introduced a money-saving topic for discussion. If we have a more functional website, the Communications Committee may suggest putting more information online and save printing costs. Instead of publishing a legislative report, we might consider publishing a four color, high quality brochure to present to the legislators and their staff that summarizes the Top Ten, and the full resolutions would be available online. She suggested asking our legislators when we visit them how they use the Report, and if an online version would be helpful. She asked that LIC chairs sign their email form and get them back to her. She also expressed her appreciation for the hard work of all on Resolutions.

Elections and Credentials Chair Mike Meier asked if we need an administrator for the election of the Secretary, which will be later in the meeting. He was told an administrator is not known at this time. His subcommittee has completed their work on the election kit and is looking at online voting apps such as *EBallot*, *Election Runner*, and *doodle.com*.

Finance Chair Pat Porter said that in July the TSHL Foundation will be reporting on its activities and will provide TSHL with a proposed dollar amount for the next budget biennium. Each committee Chair needs to know where their budget stands, particularly the Operations Committee, for the 2019-2021 biennium, so a current accounting is essential.

Operations Chair Joann Blackmon reported that she has been impressed by the conferencing methods used in this coronavirus lockdown and the effectiveness of the work done. We are prepared for our July meeting, but ready for changes if they are necessary. Pat Porter said we will be printing the Directory at Texas Tech. In addition, the shuttle service has changed, but they are ready for us.

Scott Christensen reported on the **Legislative Action Committee** and commended the LIC Chairs. They will be preparing for the LAC meeting, especially for the compression of the meeting in July. LIC Chairs need to look at Chapter III, A, Advocacy Responsibilities, P&PH, revisions sent April 4. Sue, Paul, and Scott will be preparing new procedures to use in the compressed or online meetings. They are looking at all options.

Legislative Issues Committees:

Speaker Rogers commended all the LICs and Chairs for their work in learning new technology and conducting their business via teleconference or audio conferences. Criminal Justice Chair Johnny Waldrip was commended for his committee's rapid response by Speaker Rogers. All the committees did well. One of the side benefits was that TSHL members who sometimes cannot travel were able to be on the conference calls. The Education and Retirement & Aging Committees both had high percentages of members on their calls.

Criminal Justice Chair Waldrip said most of his committee members were able to be present; nine resolutions were submitted, one was withdrawn, and eight were accepted with revisions.

Chair of the **Education** Committee Nancy Byler reported excellent response from her committee. Five resolutions were submitted, one was withdrawn by author, and four were accepted with revisions.

Health and Human Resources Chair Sue Wilson LMSW, reported they had 10 resolutions to consider and had three meetings. Nine were approved with changes, and one did not need any revision. In a separate report, she reported the resolutions addressed full practice authority for

Advance Practice Registered Nurses, quality of care in skilled nursing facilities, reducing the gap on Medicaid Nursing Home reimbursement, improving dental hygiene and oral care of Medicaid residents in nursing homes and homebound elders, healthcare via telemedicine, promoting evidence-based testing of cannabis, and background checks on nurse aides.

Human Services Chair Lynda Mitchell reported they had ten resolutions, of which eight were accepted, one withdrawn, and one failed in committee.

Retirement and Aging Chair Irene Andrews reported they had sixteen resolutions, of which fifteen were accepted and one failed in committee. Because of technology problems, her committee was sent hard copy packets of the resolutions which were discussed in five working calls and one practice call. She commended her committee for their hard work.

Rural-Urban Chair Sharon Brazeal reported three members attending, with five resolutions accepted, all with minor changes. They invited all authors and co-authors to the meetings.

State Affairs Chair Mike Sandoval reported they had two meetings with ten resolutions. They had two resolutions on gerrymandering, which were combined into a single one. Four attended every meeting, and they approved nine resolutions of the ten because of the bundling.

Utilities and Natural Resources Chair Wayne Merrill reported that the Committee approved the following resolutions: T041 Municipal Water Fluoridation; T053 Increase Funding for the Examination, Exploration, and Support for Texas Desalination; T067 Texas Should Continue, Without interruption, an Improved Light Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase of Lease Incentive Program; and T068 Create Rebate Program for Residential Photovoltaic Solar Systems. These Resolutions were forwarded to the LAC.

Under Unfinished Business:

Joe Dale, Texoma AAA Representative, was nominated for retention as a member of the Executive committee by Joe Henderson, and Irene Andrews seconded. There were no negative votes.

Finance Chair Pat Porter reported on the Directory ad sales; we have the money and most of the ad copy. Pat met with Joann Blackmon to talk to the staff of the Texas Tech print shop, and the directory can be printed at a savings of about \$4,000 over the last printing. Pat was commended by the Speaker for her hard work. The usual method of distribution is at the Legislative session.

Speaker Pro Tem Sherry Hubbard reported on a grant received for the purchase of sound equipment to save the fees for sound system rental at facilities. The Stephens Foundation of

Kerrville granted \$2500. for the purchase of the wireless equipment. Paul Stempko agreed to manage the equipment storage and transportation.

We then discussed counting ballots for the Top 20/Top 10 resolutions at length. The concern is that in the use of Scantron forms, if an individual does not vote for the stated number in the instructions, certain resolutions may not appear in their natural order and it can skew the vote. Walter Graham moved we vote to accept only fully completed ballots, and Wayne Merrill seconded. Discussion followed. Mike Sandoval called for the question; Irene Andrews seconded. The vote to close debate passed. And the vote on the original motion was eighteen aye, four nay, with one abstaining. The motion passed.

Under New Business:

Barbara Aydlett presented the proposed Bylaw amendment to the TSHL Official Documents 2019-2021, relating to qualifications to candidates for offices. We discussed the concerns that led to this proposal. No vote was taken as it has to be voted on by the entire membership at the next general session. Nancy Byler suggested a change in notation from Article V, Section 1, page 6 to be Article V, Section 2, Page 6. Speaker Rogers suggested a change in Paragraph B, the last sentence to state "prior to election rather than "declaring for office of Speaker". Pat Gleason-Wynn suggested leaving it as stated. No action was taken. The proposed amendment is attached.

We discussed extending the submission window for resolutions in light of the current epidemic; only resolutions that would help specifically address the needs of seniors in this crisis will be considered. The resolutions are due by Thursday, Monday, May 21, and should go to the PRRP for assignment to the appropriate LIC following our process. A memo to this effect will go out to all members this week.

Speaker Rogers has been in contact with the Wyndham hotel management for the July meeting, and the Speaker will soon announce the decision about meeting in Austin the last week in July.

Sherry Hubbard moved that Bobette Doerrie be elected to be Secretary, and Sue Wilson seconded. The motion passed.

We looked at the coming dates, and there were no questions.

Member Questions/comments:

Joe Henderson noted that some members have been contacting legislators on resolutions that have not been passed by the TSHL in session. Speaker Rogers reminded members they can visit

legislators and suggest legislation as an individual, but not as a TSHL representative until the resolution has been approved at our Legislative Session.

Deputy Speaker Pro Tem Barbara Aydlett said that “In light of the fact that we need to know our current financial status, plus the TSHL Foundation requires certain reports be given to them each quarter I make the following motion: ‘I move that our Comptroller send by Registered Mail to our Speaker by May 18 all reports that are currently due, along with copies of the bank statements and reconciliations for each month since she took office July, 2019.’ ” The motion was seconded by Mike Sandoval and the motion passed.

Rhonda Rogers expressed her hope that we will be able to see everyone in July; Joe Dale moved to adjourn, and Charles Scoma seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Bobette Doerrie
TSHL Secretary

Attachments:

Attendance

TSHL Proposed Amendment to TSHL Official Documents 2019-2021

Exec Comm NAME	Meeting Attendance POSITION	May 4, 2020 AAA	Present 4-May-20
Irene Andrews	Chair, Retirement & Aging	Central Texas	✓
Barbara Aydlett	Deputy Speaker Pro Tem	Heart of Texas	✓
Joann Blackmon	Chair, Operations Comm	South Plains	✓
Sharon Brazeal	Chair, Rura/Urban	Texoma	✓
Betty Jo Brown	Harris County AAA	Harris County	✓
Barbie Butler-Johnson	Comptroller	Brazos Valley	✓late
Nancy Byler	Chair, Education	West Central TX	✓
Al Campbell	Emeritus, Brazos Valley	Brazos Valley	✓
Scott Christensen	Chair, LAC	Brazos Valley	✓
John (Dick) Coupe	Dallas County AAA	Dallas County	✓
Joe Dale	Texoma AAA	Texoma	✓
Elgin Davis	Deep East Texas AAA	Deep East Texas	
Jerome Dorrie	Panhandle AAA	Panhandle	✓
Carolyn Dorsey	Coastal Bend AAA	Coastal Bend	✓
Walter Graham	Past Speaker	West Central TX	✓
Sherry Hubbard	Speaker Pro Tem	Concho Valley	✓
Mike Meier	Chair, Elections & Credentials	Central Texas	✓
Wayne Merrill	Chair, Utils & Nat'l Resc	Concho Valley	✓
Lynda Mitchell	Chair, Human Services	Heart of Texas	✓
Hugo Munoz	Lower Rio Grande Valley AAA	Lower Rio Grande	
Mary Nixon	South East Texas AAA	South East Texas	
Pat Porter	Chair, Finance	Permian Basin	✓
Jetta Roberts	Emeritus, Rio Grande	Rio Grande	✓
Rhonda Rogers	Speaker	Ark-Tex	✓
Mike Sandoval	Chair, State Affairs	Capitol Area	✓
Charles Scoma	Tarrant Co AAA	Tarrant County	✓
Betty Lee Streckfuss	Emeritus	Harris County	✓
Linda Timmerman	Chair, Communications	Heart of Texas	✓
Jerry Tyson	Bexar County AAA	Bexar County	✓
VaLita Waits	East Texas AAA	East Texas	✓
Johnny Waldrip	Chair, Criminal Justice	North Central TX	✓
Allen Wiatrek	Alamo AAA	Alamo Houston-	
Jean Williams	Houston-Galveston AAA	Galveston	✓
Sue Wilson	Chair, Health & Human Resc	Capitol Area	✓
30 present			
Quorum 50%	34 members	30 present	

Other TSHL Members

Present

Bobette Doerrie
Barbara King
Delores Garcia
Carol Peters
Carolyn Dorsey
Jerry Johnson
Joe Henderson
Pat Gleesen-Wynn
Viola Hebert
Gloria Henderson
Linda Hess
Linda Parrish
James Rivers
Mike Sandoval
Debbie Millner
Martha Jackson
Frank Archuleta
Paul Stempko
Barbara Williams
Jenee Liaci
Linda Hesse
Judy LeUnes
Paul Furukawa
Maryann Barthelemy
Barbara King

23 Other Members

(Make copies of this form for additional amendments.)

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ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS MANUAL

POLICY AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK

(Mark one of the above with an "X" and submit only one amendment per form)

1. Cite wording in existing section to be amended.

2. Use exact wording for proposed amendment.

<p>Article V, Section 1, Page 6</p> <p>Adjust Section 2 to be Section 3 with no change in wording</p>	<p>Article V, Section 1, Page 6</p> <p>Addendum to Original</p> <p>Section 2. Qualifications</p> <p>A. Candidates for the offices of Speaker Pro Tem, Deputy Speaker Pro Tem, Secretary and Comptroller must be members in good standing of TSHL and must have served at least one full term as a TSHL member.</p> <p>B. Candidates for the office of Speaker must be members in good standing of TSHL and have served at least two full terms as a TSHL member. Candidates for Speaker must also have served one of these terms as a Legislative Issues or Administrative Committee Chair or TSHL officer prior to declaring for office of Speaker.</p>
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3. Rationale for proposed amendment To assure that TSHL leadership has experience and knowledge of TSHL Procedures and protocols before being elected to an officer position.

Submitted by: (three or more signatures of current TSHL members required)

Name (type or print)

Signature

Date

Barbara Aydlett	//signed by Barbara Aydlett	2/4/2020
Pat Porter	// signed by Pat Porter	2/4/2020
Scott Christensen	// signed by Scott Christensen	2/4/2020

Submit original, signed proposed amendment to _____ **TSHL Secretary**, at _____ (email) with original signed copy to follow at _____ (address)

Proposed Bylaw amendments must be postmarked no later than 60 days before the next general session of TSHL. Bylaw amendments will be considered at the next TSHL General Session. E & C and P & PH amendments will be considered at the next Executive Committee Meeting. (Amended by EC, October 11, 2018.)

Amendments may be electronically signed with telephone verification to TSHL Secretary, per Bylaws Article VIII, 3.B. Form 320