

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Executive Committee Meeting
Al J. Notzon III Board Room
8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78217
January 15, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Suzanne de Leon, Board Vice Chair
Judge Robert Hurley - Board Chair
Mayor Robert Gregory
Councilman Clayton Perry
Trustee Katie Reed
Judge James Teal
Mayor John Williams
Commissioner Kevin Wolff
Commissioner Jim Wolverton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judge Richard Evans
Judge Chris Schuchart

STAFF PRESENT

Diane Rath
John Clamp
Cliff Herberg
Larry Dotson
Julio Elizondo
Susie Ernst
Deedra Johnson
Sean Scott
Blanca Tapia
Gloria Vasquez
and Other Staff

Request All Electronic Devices Be Silenced

- 1. Mayor Suzanne de Leon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**
The AACOG Executive COmmittee is meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Act). As such, the Executive Committee reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- 2. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.**
- 3. No Public Comments were given.**
This time is for anyone to comment to the Board of Directors on issues and items of concern. There will be no Board of Directors deliberation or action on these comments. Time allowed is at the discretion of the Chairman; with three (3) minutes being customary
- 4. Consider and act upon the recommendation to approve the November 20, 2019 Special Called Executive Committee minutes. - Vice Chair de Leon**

Moved by Commissioner Jim Wolverton, seconded by Mayor John Williams, to approve the November 20, 2019 Special Called Executive Committee minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 9 - 0

Executive Director

5. Executive Director Rath presented the following agency updates:

A. Staffing Updates:

- New Criminal Justice Planner, Ruth DeButts, started December 9
- New Solid Waste Management Coordinator, Christopher Moken started January 6
- New hires in Aging for Veterans Directed, Care Coordination, Caregiver, and ASC
- Liz Oliva and Renee Hernandez received their Certificate of Promotion to Ombudsman II from the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Office/HHSC
- Jennifer Melendez received her certification as a Person-Centered Thinking Trainer

B. Program Status and Operational Updates:

1. Area Agencies on Aging

- Alamo Service Connection secured a \$5,000 Superior Grant for the purchase of heaters for Warm Hearts Warm Homes – still accepting applications
- ASC worked and consulted with the Houston-Galveston ADRC, in preparation for their launch; HGAC staff visited our ASC in December to learn best-practices and operational efficiencies
- Our Housing Navigator is working with HHSC to conduct a Housing Summit in Schertz on February 28, 2020. The mission of the summit is to obtain input on local housing needs for vulnerable populations and to develop partnerships to address those needs

2. Alamo Regional Transit

- 17 new buses delivered in December 2019; pending 3 from the original order expected by February 2020
- By end of 2020, theART fleet will consist of buses that are 2014 and newer
- ART also plans to purchase cleaner fuel vehicles to support the Ozone Advance program with the next round of vehicle purchases

3. External Affairs & Communications

- West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce held their Lunch N Learn at AACOG featuring CPS on January 9th
- January Roadshow was held in Bandera County on January 10th
- February Roadshow was in Medina County on February 10th

4. Intellectual & Developmental Disability Services

- Participating on the steering committee for the 2020 Transitional Resource & Hire-Ability Fair, sponsored by Workforce Solutions, scheduled for late March
- Recognition & Response training was held the 8th – 9th in McAllen, in coordination with Tropical Texas LIDDA and DPS – over 75 TX Highway Patrolmen were in attendance

5. Natural Resources

- TCEQ has released a draft of the Bexar County 179B Demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision. This document makes the case that Bexar County would be in attainment of the federal ozone standard by the scheduled attainment date “but for” emissions emanating from outside the U.S.A public comment period for this SIP revision opened January 17, 2020, and closed February 19. A public hearing is scheduled for February 18th. If the EPA approves this SIP revision, Bexar County would avoid a reclassification to moderate. AACOG will provide a comment letter template that you can use on behalf of your respective jurisdictions in case you would like to submit comments

- Air Quality Stakeholders Forum scheduled for January 30th (1:30PM)

6. Public Safety

- Police Professionalization Exchange Program is scheduled for February 3rd – 7th
- Introducing ‘Utilization of the Media’ course for law enforcement – first class scheduled on January 31st
- REPAC will be ranking SHSP grant applications on February 12th

7. Regional Services

- AACOG and the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF) are co-hosting the Governor’s Office for the Texas Regional Partners Information Session with Texas Governor’s Office of Economic Development & Tourism, scheduled for January 27th (10AM-1PM)
- GBCCC Meeting scheduled for January 29th
- CEDS committee meeting scheduled for February 12th – we ask that BOD members recommend a representative from their area for the committee (can be from business, education, utility, hospital district, etc. to diversify the committee)

8. Resource Recovery

- Resource Recovery Committee bylaws and membership under review

9. Veterans

- Held our 2nd Annual Warm Wishes for Veterans--Socks & Gloves collection with GI Forum; we’re looking forward to continue building this drive in the years to come
- Veterans Network grant application for \$4,000,000 is still under consideration by TWC

10. Weatherization Assistance Program

- Finished 2019 LIHEAP contract one month early (by November 2019) and exceeded contract goal by 18 units using carry over funds; began 2020 LIHEAP contract on time (in January)!
- Will be completing an additional 14 DOE units based on additional funds in the amount of \$111,558
- Plan for targeted rural outreach in progress

C. Organizational and General

1. Administration Updates:

- TX Military Summit – January 13, IGSA highlighted
- SA to DC – February 3-6, Diane Rath
- TARC – February 5-7, Mayor Williams & Diane Rath
- NARC – February 9-12, Judge Schuchart & Diane Rath
- ADC – February 10-12, several staff attending, IGSA highlighted

2. Policy Review

- ART Drug and Alcohol Policy to the Area Judges today for consideration

3. Chief Financial Officer

4. General Counsel

Financial

6. Discussion and appropriate action on the recommendation regarding the 4th Quarter 2019 and Year End 2019 financial report. - John Clamp
 - A. Dashboard
 - B. Balance Sheet
 - C. Revenue and Expenditures
 - D. Administrative Budgets

Moved by Mayor John Williams, seconded by Commissioner Jim Wolverton, to approve the recommendation regarding the 4th Quarter 2019 and Year End 2019 financial report as presented and forward to the January 22, 2020 Board of Directors meeting for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 9 - 0

Administration

7. Agency Contract Performance Report - Diane Rath

Moved by Trustee Katie Reed, seconded by Judge James Teal, to approve the Agency Contract Performance Report as presented and forward to the January 22, 2020 Board of Directors meeting for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 9 - 0

Executive Session

8. The Executive Committee convened into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. to deliberate and receive advice regarding:

A. The purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in accordance with Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Deliberations about Real Property. - John Clamp

B. The annual evaluation of the Executive Director pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

The Executive Committee reconvened into regular session at 10:57 a.m.

9. Consider and act upon the items discussed in executive session.

Moved by Judge Robert Hurley, Chair, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Wolff, to forward the items discussed in executive session to the January 22, 2020 Board of Directors meeting for discussion and/or approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 9 - 0

10. Items to be placed on the Board of Directors meeting agenda from the Executive Committee.

Item 6, 7, 8, and 9 from the Executive Committee Agenda will be placed on the January 22, 2020 Board of Directors meeting agenda.

11. Items to be placed on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting.

NONE

12. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at AACOG in the Al J. Notzon III Board Room.
13. There being no further business, Vice Chair de Leon adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.



April 15, 2020

Approved: _____

Suzanne de Leon
Mayor, City of Balcones Heights
AACOG Executive Committee Chair
AACOG Board of Directors - Vice Chair

Date