

October 29, 2020
TCCWB
Full Board Meeting

Present: Misty Standard, George Ford, Carol Ford, David Woodberry, Jennifer Kreme-Oliva, Estella Olguin, Patsy Baggett, Janet Stansbury, Kristi Miranda, Marcellene Malouf, Fabriel Cisneros, Tim Allen, Barbara Long, Sandra Haire, David Williams, Jeanette Elias, Diane Glover, Lee Ikels, Joel Levine; Anna Rigler; Marcie Trevino Ripper

Guests: Valinda Bolton; State Office; Deneen Dryden, Associate Commissioner for CPS

Meeting called to order 12:09 pm. A quorum was confirmed.

- I. A motion to approve the September meeting was made by David Williams and seconded by Patsy Baggett. Motion approved. A second motion was made by David Williams to approve the February Executive Board meeting minutes with the following change: replace Jennifer Olivas to David Woodberry for Education Chair; seconded by Diane Glover. Minutes approved.
- II. Treasurers report from Barbara Long: See the Treasurers report for detail. Motion was made to approve Treasurers report by David Williams subject to audit; seconded by David Woodberry. Motion carried.
- III. Fostering Brighter Futures (FBF) report from Catherine Earley.
 - FBF's primary role is to change and improve the perception of foster care in Texas to a more positive one. Its target audience is both the public and children within the system. Information disseminated from FBF is verified and then interpreted into smaller bites through social media. The main goal is to build hope by sharing positive facts and stories.
 - The program is sustained through the use of unpaid interns, however at the present we are without an intern. FBF is requesting help locating intern.
 - FBF has continued plans to do training for television and screen writers to change cultural perceptions.
 - FBF requests that members please like and share our social media posts. FBF is also accepting social media help for posting and for developing interviews for anyone interested.
 - David Williams commented FBF might look into "MobileCause" as a resource for creating stories on Social Media.
- IV. DFPS State Office Report: Valinda Bolton.
 - Please email Valinda with any questions regarding contracts.
 - There has been an organizational restructuring within the program. The new Commissioner is Jamie Masters, and the Deputy Commissioner is Trevor Woodruff. All of the community engagement and faith-based efforts have been centralized into one centralized division. Office of Faith Based and Community Engagement. Valinda is now managing all of the Community Engagement Specialist.
 - There is a new website <https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/> and new Facebook page accessible for up-to-date information at <https://www.facebook.com/TexasDFPS>

- DFPS has Rainbow Room brochures and similarly designed cards and posters available that can be shared. Valinda will let us know how many will be available and determine if digital copies are available online for our use.
- V. Deneen Dryden, Associate Commissioner for CPS presentation
- VI. President's comments: Tim Allen
- George Ford was the Houston Hero Place award recipient.
 - Go Blue Day should be coordinated with testing dates at school Tim will get that date out via email to everyone.
 - TNOYS has requested members increase their financial support by voluntarily increasing dues from \$250 to \$500. A motion was made to increase the dues paid for membership as requested by TNOYS by David Williams and seconded by Dianne Hicks. Motion was approved.
 - A thank you note to the Board was received from the Steve Meadow family.
- VII. Executive Directors report: George Ford
- The TCCWB mailed the checks to the County Tax Assessors; next payments will be going directly to the Boards.
 - Region 3 is in process of organizing and Dallas County will now participate with the Council.
 - Our next full board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25 and 26 meeting, however there will be an Executive Committee meeting in January to reconsider an in-person meeting due to ongoing concerns with COVID. Our regular meeting place is no longer available. We do have a cost reimbursement contract that will cover the cost of an onsite meeting should we proceed with that option.
- VIII. Advocacy Committee: Janet Stansbury
- The committee's legislative advocacy plan was tabled due to COVID circumstances. Advocacy is instead focusing on packets for distribution prior to the session beginning. Packets will include basic information on the TCCWB, our legislative agenda, an information and assistance being provided by local and regional boards during the pandemic.
 - Janet asks that delegates request local boards send in information on any assistance being provided during the pandemic.
 - Legislative priorities were presented by Joel Levine.
 - Members may use the legislative agenda within organizations they attend to represent the TCCWB once it is approved by the Board. A motion was made to approve the legislative agenda by David Williams with potential amendments later. Seconded by Lee Ikels. Motion carried.
- IX. Awards Committee: Jeanette Elias. The awards plaques are in the process of being mailed.
- X. Resource Committee: David Williams
- Resource is considering a potential license plate redesign and plans to reemphasize the need for participation from local councils. Resource hopes to be able to obtain current contacts from our Community Engagement Specialists.

- Currently working towards finding an ongoing stream of revenue to achieve funding for the Council. Especially looking at Capta grants as an option to increase funding for the Executive staff.
- There is also a plan to work to improve/streamline the regional contracting process- perhaps to include regional grants.
- Resource is recommending that FBF be a stand-alone committee.
- Timing at meetings needs to be addressed as there are ongoing concerns with overlap and committee members missing parts or all of committee meeting.
- Resource Committee will next meet via Zoom on Nov 12th.

XI. Education Committee; David Woodberry

- Education Committee last met Sept 29th. There is concern regarding bonding for regions and county boards. Education is looking into costs and process for facilitation of bonding. The Upshaw Insurance Company is one of the few that will bond boards.
- A universal application for new board members is under consideration.
- Board member recruitment: Education recommends that there is a need for diversification. County boards should reflect the diversity within the county they represent.
- General comments included that the Council should consider a method to protect personal information of applicants on the universal application.
- Another comment was that the county commissioners are appointed by county commissioners. County boards are cautioned that the county commissioners must agree to appointments prior to proceeding.

XII. Closed Facebook Page Proposal: Jennifer Kremer-Oliva and Diane Glover.

- A recommendation was made to establish a Facebook page for the Council to facilitate immediate information sharing. There are no associated costs.
- Recommended groups include 1) the TCCWB Delegates and 2) Tx Child Welfare Board Leaders (Board Members and Regional Boards). These would be private groups. All posts must be approved by an admin or moderator. This could be turned off for the TCCWB Delegates. The recommendation was made to start with the Delegates page and then later open a second group.
- The ED requested that the Education committee report on FB activity at our next meeting.
- Administrators for the Facebook page are Jennifer and Sandra.
- A motion was made to approve the two groups by Dianne and seconded by David Woodberry. Motion approved.

XIII. Miscellaneous discussion

- At large members: There are vacancies to fill, however they must be past member of a Texas Council Board. A review of the bylaws will be conducted.
- A request was made to email everyone a current roster. Misty and Sandra will review existing rosters and email to members.

XIV. Next meeting will be Feb 25th and 26th. Meeting was adjourned at 3:11pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Misty Standard.

