

**DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR**

MINUTES

June 25, 2020

(THIS IS WAS HELD AS AN ONLINE WEBINAR MEETING)

<https://www.gotomeet.me/detcog1/bod-meeting>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deep East Texas Council of Governments' regular board of directors meeting was called to order by Daphne Session, DETCOG President and Houston County Attorney.

Members Present:

President, Bill Holder, Trinity River Authority
President-Elect, Daryl Melton, Sabine County Judge
Vice President, Roy Boldon, Nacogdoches City Council
Secretary, Allison Harbison, Shelby County Judge
Immediate Past President, Daphne Session, Houston County Minority Representative

Mark Allen, Jasper County Judge
Esdeska Barnes, Jasper County Minority Representative
Joe Warner Bell, Trinity County Attorney
Ralph Bennett, Trinity County Minority Representative
Jeff Boyd, San Augustine County Judge
David Brandon, San Jacinto County Commissioner
Bob Brown, Mayor of Lufkin
Musetta Hosey, San Augustine County Minority Representative
Leroy Hughes, City of San Augustine Mayor
Don Iles, Sabine River Authority
Joyce Johnson, Center City Council
Paula Jones, City of Woodville Mayor
Anderson Land, Jr., Jasper City Council
Daniel Lopez, Diboll City Council
Jim Lovell, Houston County Judge
Mike Nguyen, Nacogdoches County Minority Representative
Tommy Overstreet, Polk County Commissioner
Robert Shankle, Lufkin City Council
Stevan Sturrock, Tyler County Commissioner
Ronnie Thomas, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
Lynn Torres, Lufkin City Council
Kenneth Weeks, Newton County Judge

CALL FOR PROXIES

Tommy Overstreet for Sydney Murphy
Robert Shankle for Dr. Patricia McKenzie

2. Bill Holder asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2020 online webinar meeting. Jeff Boyd made a motion to approve, seconded by Roy Boldon. Motion passed.
3. Report given on actions taken by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee met on Ma and May 28 since the last Board of Directors meeting. The minutes for those meeting were attached to the board packet.
4. Dr. Lila Valencia from Texas Demographics Center gave an update on the 2020 Census Self-Response rates in our DET Region.
5. Eric Carver of Axley & Rode reviewed highlights of the Annual Audit Report for FY2019. No question or comments were made.
6. Janett Lewis, Housing Director gave a review of the draft plan for the PHA Annual Plan. Daphne Sessions, of the Housing Advisory Committee recommended that the board adopt the plan, approve resolution, and all required submission documents.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING** – PHA Annual Plan for the DETCOG Regional Housing Authority the Floor was open at 12:36 pm for public comments and questions. No Public Comments or questions. Public hearing closed at 12:37 pm.
8. A motion was made by Leroy Hughes to adopt the PHA Annual plan, resolution, and all required submission documents as per the recommendation of the Housing Advisory Committee, seconded by Musetta Hosey. Motion passed.
9. Recommendation to adopt the Emergency Preparedness Task Force Bylaws and Risk Informed Methodology and Procedures. Mike Claude reviewed and asked if there were any questions. A motion was made by Joe Warner Bell to approve both items, seconded by Jeff Boyd. Motion passed.
10. Mike Claude reviewed 2020-2021 Bylaws and Procedures for Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC). No questions or comments were made. A motion was made by Esdeska Barnes to approve the CJAC Bylaws and Procedures, seconded by Leroy Hughes. Motion passed.
11. Lonnie Hunt, Executive Director gave an overview of Regional Broadband Project. No questions or comments. A motion was made by Lynn Torres to award RFP No. 2020-02 for Network Design and authorize contract negotiations to be approved by the Executive Committee, seconded by Roy Boldon. Motion Passed.

12. Bill Holder asked for a motion to authorize RFP or RFQ for development of funding applications and grant management services for regional broadband and radio communications. A motion was made by Tommy Overstreet, seconded by Roy Boldon, motion passed.
13. Consideration to adopt membership due structure for 2020-2021, a motion was made by Leroy Hughes to adopt the resolution, seconded by Musetta Hosey. Motion passed.
14. Executive Director updated the board on DETCOG programs and activities.
15. Election and Confirmation of Officers for 2020-2021

Officers are as follows:

President: Daryl Melton, Sabine County

President Elect: Roy Boldon, City of Nacogdoches

Vice President: Allison Harbison, Shelby County

Secretary: Jeff Boyd, San Augustine County

Immediate Past President: Bill Holder, Trinity River Authority

A motion was made by Esdeska Barnes to confirm the officers for the year 2020-2021, seconded by Tommy Overstreet, motion passed.

16. Announcements from Members of the Board
17. Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events
 - a. July 03, 2020 DETCOG Offices will be closed for 3rd for July Holiday
 - b. July 23, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting, TBA
18. Motion was made by Joe Warner Bell to adjourn, seconded by Anderson Land, meeting was adjourned.

Allison Harbison, Secretary
Shelby County Judge