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

**MINUTES**

March 25, 2021

(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 Daryl Melton, DETCOG President and Sabine County Judge.

Members Present:

President, Daryl Melton, Sabine County Judge  
President-Elect, Roy Boldon, Nacogdoches City Council  
Immediate Past President, Bill Holder, Trinity River Authority

Mark Allen, Jasper County Judge  
Edeska Barnes, Jasper County Minority Representative  
Guessippina Bonner, Lufkin City Council  
Jeff Boyd, San Augustine County Judge  
Frank George, Mayor of Kirbyville  
Musetta Hosey, San Augustine County Minority Representative  
Leroy Hughes, Mayor of San Augustine  
Paula Jones, Mayor of Woodville  
Anderson Land, Jr., Jasper City Council  
Dr. Patricia McKenzie, Angelina County Minority Representative  
Mark Nettuno, San Jacinto County Commissioner  
Roy Parker, Jasper County Commissioner  
Brandon Prescott, Polk County Minority Representative  
Robert Shankle, Lufkin City Council  
Lynn Torres, Lufkin City Council  
Kenneth Weeks, Newton County Judge

**CALL FOR PROXIES**

Roy Boldon for Jay Anderson  
Roy Boldon for Garth Hinze  
Brandon Prescott for Sydney Murphy  
Lynn Torres for Bob Brown

Roy Boldon for Amelia Fischer  
Karen Cunningham for Don Iles  
Brandon Prescott for Tommy Overstreet

**2. Approval of Minutes**

President Melton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 online Board meeting. Dr. Patricia McKenzie made a motion to approve, seconded by Robert Shankle. Motion passed.

**3. Receive report from Nominating Committee for Nominations of DETCOG Secretary for the term beginning July 1, 2021.**

Lynn Torres, Chair of the Nominating Committee gave report stating the Nominating Committee nominated Brandon Prescott for DETCOG Secretary for the term beginning July 1, 2021. President Melton informed the Board under the DETCOG bylaws that additional nominees may be submitted no later than April 5<sup>th</sup>. If anyone on the Board would like to submit additional nominations, they are advised to get a copy of the bylaws from Executive Director, Lonnie Hunt which spells out the process. No action necessary at this time.

**4. Consider Extending Terms of Current DETCOG Minority Representatives by one year.**

Lonnie Hunt presented recommendation for extending the terms of the current DETCOG Minority Representative by one year. The Board extended the terms last year due to the COVID Pandemic, and Lonnie recommended it again this year due to the Pandemic its still not safe to go out into the community to hold elections for the Minority Representatives. A motion was made by Lynn Torres to extend the terms by one year, seconded by Roy Boldon. Motion passed without opposition.

**5. Consider Recommendations from Homeland Security Advisory Committee for Scoring and Prioritization of Grant Applications**

Mike Claude, Public Safety Director discussed recommendations from the Homeland Security Advisory Committee and answered questions. President Melton called for a motion. A motion was made by Anderson Land and seconded by Roy Boldon. Motion passed without opposition.

**6. Consider Contract Renewal between 911 Datamaster and the DETCOG 9-1-1 Program**

Van Bush was not present. Lonnie Hunt gave overview and noted two-year contract requires board approval because it exceeds \$50,000. A motion was made by Mark Allen to approve the two-year contract renewal with 911 Datamaster in the amount of \$150,000, seconded by Anderson Land. Motion passed with no opposition.

**7. Consider Resolution in Support of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

Roy Boldon asked to speak about Child Abuse Prevention as a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Volunteer. Roy Boldon made a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, seconded by Dr. Patricia McKenzie. Motion passed with no opposition.

**8. Consider Resolution in Support of April 2021 as “Fair Housing Month” in the DETCOG Region.**

Anderson Land spoke about the need for affordable housing in the DETCOG Region. A motion was made by Anderson Land to approve the Resolution in Support of April 2021 as “Fair Housing Month” in the DETCOG Region, seconded by Musetta Hosey. Motion passed with no opposition.

**9. Announcements of DETCOG Annual Meeting**

Lonnie Hunt announced that the DETCOG Annual Meeting will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> in person at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center in Lufkin. The May and June meetings are being switched; therefore, the board will have a regular business meeting in May.

**10. Executive Director's Update on DETCOG Programs and Activities**

**11. Announcements from Members of the Board**

**12. Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

April 2: DETCOG Closed or Good Friday

April 22: DETCOG Monthly Board Meeting – To be held online

**13. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mark Allen to adjourn, seconded by Bill Holder. Motion passed.