

RTCC Meeting

06-17-21

Attendees:

Misty Hendon (HOTCOG)
Rep Pledger (HOTCOG Transportation)
Judge Linda Grant (Freestone County)
Susan Wilson (EOAC Waco)
Elizabeth Thomas (McLennan County Emergency Management)
Judge Cindy Vanlandingham (Bosque County Judge)
Gary Luft (HOTCOG)
Melissa Ingriola (HOCTILC)
Ken Hosen (KFH)
Debbie Tahiri (TxDOT)
Carey Amthor (HOTR – MHMR)
Commissioner Will Jones (McLennan County)
Julie Talbert (HOT Workforce Commission)
Serena Stevenson (Waco Transit Systems)
Ursula Johnson (HOTCILC)
Dan Dalton (KFH)
Russell Devorsky (HOTCOG)

Call to Order: 10:05 am

Misty: Listed items on the agenda.

Rep: We're meeting to discuss the current member requirements for holding meetings. Discussed that it is believed that TxDOT requires 9 attendees, and our current Bylaws specify that we must have 9 attendees. There has been an issue with getting enough people together for a meeting and that's why we want to narrow it down. We must have a representative from all 6 counties. Asked Julie to confirm that she represents all 6 counties.

Julie: Confirmed that she represents all 6 counties for the HOT Workforce Commission.

Rep: Serena represents the Urban district for McLennan County, Commissioner Jones represents 5310, Rep represents transportation. Discussed that Ken Hosen from KFH Group has provided us guidelines to what is now required by TxDOT for meetings. Discussed his conversation with Russell regarding getting the Bylaws updated to present at the next Executive Board Meeting in August.

Ken: Requirements have changed since we last updated our Bylaws. The rules were previously so strict that you couldn't get enough people together for a quorum. After speaking with Carrie at TxDOT, determined that TxDOT no longer has requirement for the number of people required for a standing committee or quorum. The only requirement is that you must have a representative from a wide group of entities. The bottom line is we need input from everyone, but attendance is not required.

Russell: We need one person from all 6 counties.

Ken: Rather than appoint individuals, we should look at appointing agencies. That way as long as the agency is represented, we can conduct the meeting.

Serena: Asked if we were trying to move forward on the positions.

Rep: Confirmed that yes, that's the plan. We want to change the quorum attendance requirement so that it doesn't require a set number of attendees as long as we cover the elderly, disabled, veterans, child advocate, health and human services, transportation, and someone from the public. Once we decide what to do, we will take it to the Executive Board for their approval.

Gary: Provided a background on how the committee was set up. We wanted to get perspectives from as many people in the 6 counties as possible. We've determined now that the math doesn't make sense and there's incentive to change the bylaws so that we can achieve more participation with the meetings.

Ken: Reminded everyone that there is not a requirement from TxDOT.

Gary: Questioned if we needed at least 9 representatives.

Ken: Replied no, that is no longer a requirement.

Russell: Reminder that we want to operate in the most transparent way possible. Even if we're not legally required to have a certain number of appointees, we want to make sure that there's formal input from every group. Even if meeting attendance isn't an option, as long as we get some input from that group then we're ok.

Julie: Voiced support of the suggestion to revise the bylaws.

Rep: Asked if anyone had any additional information to add to the meeting. Requested all input, suggestions, comments, and representative information be returned to him by July 14, 2021. Our next scheduled meeting will be July 15th, 2021. The next Executive Committee meeting will be August 26, 2021. Everyone that attended today's meeting needs to attend the next meeting on July 15th or have someone available to represent them.

Meeting ended: 10:29am