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MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 7:30 am

Meeting Location

Trophy Club Country Club, 500 Trophy Club Way, Trophy Club, Texas 76262

Members Present: Sally Aldridge, Scott Campbell, Kristin Comer, Drew Corn, Bonnie Diehl, Gary Fickes, Bob Golden, Holly Gray-Moore, Laura Hill, Adrienne Lothery, Steve Mundt, Richard Newton, Jim Patterson, Kathryn Rotter, Russell Schaffner, Scott Stier, Laura Wheat, Erik With, Ken Yazhari

1. **Call to Order:** Laura Hill, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.
2. **Speaker -** Senator Beverly Powell

Senator Powell addressed the membership regarding the recent public release of the transcript and recording of the conversation between House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Representative Dustin Burrows, and Empower Texas President Michael Quinn Sullivan. Senator Powell stated she had read the transcripts and listened to the recording and encouraged everyone to take time to do the same. She further stated that she is an advocate of local control for cities and school districts. She stated that the phone call makes it clear how influential Empower Texas has been in terms of funding certain members' campaigns.

Senator Powell provided an update on the most recent legislative sessions' impact on public education to include major investment for teacher pay raises and program funding for low income students. Senator Powell sponsored a bill to establish a committee for recommendations to school districts regarding mental health issues for students. As a member of the Higher Education Committee she focused on compensating colleges for higher enrollment rates and increased grant funding for higher education. This also included preserving Texas Equalization Grants for private Institutions.

Senator Powell also stated that she believed it will become evident that SB 2 will ultimately not save taxpayers money and that true relief will have to come from further school finance reform.

Discussion ensued among the membership on several of the recent bills that were either approved or proposed in the last session that negatively affect cities.

3. **Minutes:** Bob Golden made a motion and received a second from Drew Corn to approve the minutes. Motion was approved by the membership.
4. **Financials:** Holly Gray Moore made motion to approve the financial report and received a second from Drew Corn. Motion approved by the membership.
5. **New Business** – None
6. **Old Business** – None



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7. Elected Officials Reports

- **US Congress:** Sally Aldridge stated she would distribute the update from Erik With soon.
- **TX Legislature (Senate District 12)** – Courtney Holt provided an update from Sen. Nelson’s office to include handouts to the Constitutional Amendments for the upcoming November election.
- **TX Legislature (Senate District 9):** None
- **TX Legislature (House District 98):** None
- **TX Legislature (House District 63):** None
- **TX Legislature (House District 93):** Scott Stier provided an update from Rep. Kraus’ office stating that Rep. Kraus is on the General Investigations Committee looking into the Dennis Bonnen matter; further stating that he is in a difficult position and cannot comment on the issue. He further stated that are specific issues that staffers cannot discuss directly with constituents of Rep. Kraus.
- **Tarrant County Judge: (Glen Whitley):** None
- **Tarrant County Precinct 3: (Commissioner Gary Fickes):** Commissioner Fickes provided an update for Tarrant County. He reported on the new voting process, voting centers, and voting equipment. He further reported on the 2020 Census effort as well as some of the ongoing transportation projects.
- **Denton County Judge:** None
- **Denton County Precinct 4:** None

8. **Announcements:** None

9. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.