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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear TABCCM, Black Mayors and City Council Members, Friends, and Supporters:

The Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM) set some aggressive goals for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. We are proud to report that we have met or made major progress towards our goals. Our goals for last year were:

- \* Increase membership to 100 active members
- \* Implement TABCCM's Region Development Program by designation of regional directors for each region, providing training, regional meeting and workshops.
- \* Publish TABCCM newsletters and mail to all Black Mayors and City Councilmembers across the State of Texas.
- \* Develop and implement a formal relationship with Historic Black Colleges and Universities across the State of Texas.
- \* Develop and implement an ongoing regional and state wide workshop schedule for TABCCM and other Black Elected Officials.
- \* Coordination of TABCCM programs with other Black Associations

Our major focus in the next fiscal year that began July 1, 2010 will be to achieve our goal of 100 members. We have set a goal to raise at least \$20,000.00 in our T.J. Patterson, Sr. Scholarship Golf Tournament in Corpus Christi on October 26, 2010. In order to reach this goal, we will need all members working to secure sponsorships.

We will be moving forward with an aggressive training for our Regional Directors. It is our intent to focus on providing more communication at the regional level through meetings, workshops and mentorships. Barbara McIntyre's work in Region 16 is an example on how TABCCM can support other Black City Council Members.

The newsletter will be a major vehicle for getting information out to our membership. We will be exploring opportunities to conduct more meetings at Historical Black Colleges and Universities. It is our plan to have representatives from Historical Black Colleges at our August 2010 meeting at Prairie View A & M University to discuss ways that TABCCM and Historical Black Colleges and Universities can work together.

In order for TABCCM to be successful, we will need the support of all Black Mayors and City Councilmembers across the State of Texas. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Franklin D. Moss

**TABCCM PRESIDENT**



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**T A B C C M M E M B E R S O N T H E M O V E**



**Robert L. Nelson, Sr.**  
City of Lindale  
Councilman

- First African American to be elected to the Lindale City Council (2007)
- Re-elected 2nd term to the Lindale City Council (2009)
- 2nd Vice Chair of East Texas Council of Government (ETCOG ) executive committee
- Member of ETCOG board of directors
- Chair of the nominating committee for ETCOG
- Interim President of The Pride and Progress Community Organization Inc. 501(c) (3)
- Associate Minister at Walnut Spring Missionary Baptist Church
- Member of TABCCM



**Tennell Atkins**  
City of Dallas  
Councilman

- Elected to City Council in 2007
- Serves on the National League of Cities (NLC) Community & Economic Development Policy Committee
- Chair of Mayor’s Task Force on Southern Sector Economic Development Committee
- Active with the Charley Taylor Foundation and Oak Cliff Jaguars Foundation
- Member of the Southern Methodist Doak Walker and Letterman Board
- Member of TABCCM



**Marie Herndon**  
City of Prairie View  
Councilwoman

- City Council Member, City of Prairie View, Texas
- TABCCM Vice-President and former Secretary
- Currently serves as the Director on the following Boards: City of Prairie View’s 4-B Economic Development Corporation, Waller County Economic Development Partnership and the Waller County Industrial Development Corporation
- Participates in “Community Vision Planning,” which insures open dialogue between the Prairie View community and Prairie View A&M University
- Eight-year cancer survivor

**WANT TO BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?**

If you have any information or upcoming event that you would like included in the newsletter, please send it to:

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*“ Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change we seek.”*  
-President Barack Obama

# Tribute to Van Ashley



## A Resolution

### IN CONDOLENCE OF COUNCILMEMBER VAN ASHLEY

**WHEREAS** Van Ashley was elected to the Littlefield, Texas City Council in April 1986; and

**WHEREAS** Van Ashley was an active member of Local, State and National organizations that support and promote excellence in public service; and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley was an active member of the National League of Cities (NLC) and the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO). He attended and was an active member of NLC and NBC-LEO conference; and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley was former president and an active member of Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners (AMCC); and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley was an active member of the Texas Municipal League (TML). He served on the Board of Directors of TML as a representative for AMCC; and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley joined and became an active member of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM). He actively participated in TABCCM Board and Membership meetings; and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley was always available to respond to the needs of TABCCM. He was willing to provide advice and assistance to new TABCCM members and new Black Elected Officials who needed guidance and directions; and

**WHEREAS** The Texas Association of Black City Council Members will miss the devoted leadership of Van Ashley. His passing will leave a great void, but his contributions on a city, state and national level will be long remembered;

**NOW, THEREFORE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OFFERS OUR DEEPEST SORROW TO THE ASHLEY FAMILY AND THE CITY OF LITTLEFIELD. YOU HAVE OUR PRAYERS AND SHARE THE FOND MEMORIES OF AN OUTSTANDING ELECTED OFFICIAL AND A PASSIONATE INDIVIDUAL WHO GAVE MUCH TO THOSE OF US WHO KNEW HIM:**

**Resolved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March.**

**Franklin D. Moss, President  
TABCCM**

### TABCCM 2010 Scholarship Winner



Miss Candice McGruder, a 2010 graduate of Groesbeck High School, plans to attend Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas and major in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration. Her desire from childhood has been to become a teacher and of late politics have sparked her interest.

Miss McGruder graduated with honors and a 4.22 GPA. She earned the distinction all while working; volunteering in local childcare facilities and volunteering in the local "Food for Families" program for over 1000 hours.

She also participated in band and Spanish club all during her high school years. She was Vice President of the band and senior section leader. In addition, she was a member of the FCA; participated in UIL and served on the student council.

Candice is the daughter of Octavis McGruder of Groesbeck and Kenneth McGruder of Killeen.

"Education is that whole system of human training within and without the school house walls, which molds and develops men"

-W. E. B. Du Bois

### TABCCM 2010 Scholarship Winner

Miss Mia Taylor, a 2010 graduate of Sulphur Springs High School, is attending University of North Texas and will be majoring in Elementary Education. She has already started college since she was selected to become a member of the cheer squad at UNT and has already reported to campus.

Mia was also an honor graduate with a 3.66 GPA and participated in numerous activities including class officer and cheerleader 4 years; student council, track and French club 3 years. Miss Taylor played both JV and Varsity softball and was the 2009 Homecoming Queen. The 2010 MLK Youth of the Year recipient, Mia also had time to volunteer over 400 hours.

Mia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Taylor of Sulphur Springs.



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*by the honorable*  
*Barbara R. Bass, Mayor*

*A Proclamation*  
**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF  
BLACK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**JUNE 12, 2010**

*Whereas, the goal of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM) is to provide relevant workshops and seminars that address the needs of Black Mayors and City Council Members across Texas; and*

*Whereas, TABCCM increases communication with Black Mayors and City Council Members through a quarterly newsletter. The Association strives to research, formulate and secure support for key policy issues important to Black Mayors and City Council Members and Black Citizens of Texas; and*

*Whereas, TABCCM continues to increase relationships with Historical Black Colleges and Universities and increase support and membership of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members;*

*Now Therefore, I, Barbara R. Bass, Mayor of the City of Tyler, Texas, do hereby proclaim JUNE 12, 2010, as TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS DAY in the City of Tyler, Texas, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing this organizations great accomplishments to the community.*

*In official recognition whereof I hereby affix my signature this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.*



*Barbara R. Bass*  
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Barbara R. Bass  
Mayor of Tyler, Texas

**TABCCM Meeting  
Tyler, Texas**

For many of us, this was the first time we've visited Texas College and this meeting was the first step in building a relationship with Historic Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in Texas and the TABCCM organization.

Many cities are either beginning the budget process or are in the middle of their budget and thought it would be appropriate to have a workshop that focused on the all facets of municipal budgeting. As Black Elected Officials, it is important that we not only representatives but be informed knowledgeable public servants.

The TABCCM organizations would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Texas College for hosting our meeting on June 12, 2010 and another "Thank You" to Clifford Blackwell from the City of Bedford for his expertise in the area of Municipal Budgeting.

**TABCCM Meeting - June 12, 2010: Tyler, Texas**

Many thanks to all the members who were able to attend the June quarterly meeting.



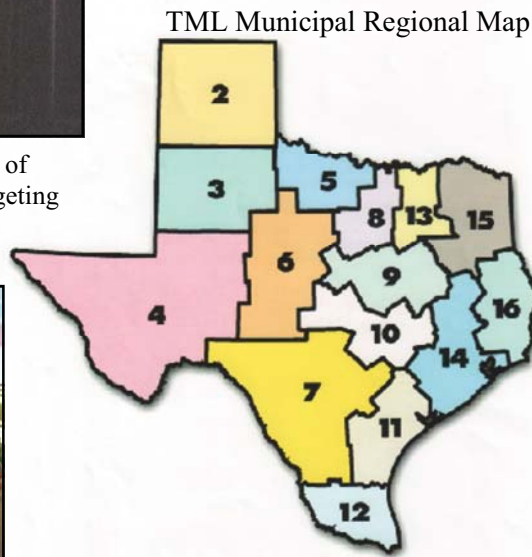
**R E G I O N A L D I R E C T O R S**



Clifford Blackwell from the City of Bedford lead the Municipal Budgeting Workshop – Tyler , Texas



Councilmember Freddie Taylor from the City of Sulphur Springs leads the Region 15 Regional Meeting - Tyler, Texas



**Area Regional Directors**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Director's Name</b>
2, 3, 4, and 6	Billy Cleaver
5 and 8	Frank Moss & Mustafa Sami
7, 11, and 12	Jim Wyatt
9	Jackie Levingston & Judy Chambers
10	Theresa Scott & Dock Jackson
13	Tennell Atkins
14	John Lovelady & Leonard Reed
15	Freddie Taylor
16	Audwin Samuel

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETING

August 26 –27, 2010: TABCCM Board, General and Regional meeting for Region 14 and workshop - Prairie View, Texas.

October 26-29, 2010: TML 98th Annual Conference and Exhibition - American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas.

October 26, 2010: 2010 T.J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament - Northshore Country Club, 801 E. Broadway Ave., Corpus Christi, Texas 78734. Registration and lunch from 10:30am - 11:45am. Tournament begins at Noon. Awards Dinner & Reception at 6:00pm.

October 28, 2010: TABCCM Board and General membership meeting and workshop - American Bank Center from 2:00pm - 4:45pm

## HOW TO JOIN TABCCM

You can join TABCCM by going online and downloading an application and mail it to us or join online at: <http://www.txabccm.org/join.html>

The membership categories for TABCCM are:

Council Member in a city with a population under 50,000 - \$65.00

Council Member in a city with a population over 50,000 - \$125.00

Students - \$10.00

Former Council Members - \$25.00

Associate Member - \$50.00

Corporate Roundtable - \$250.00

Additional benefits offered to TABCCM members include the following publications at the Affiliate rate:

TML Magazine - \$15.00

TML Directory - \$30.00

We are grateful for your support and participation in TABCCM. If you have any questions, please contact the TABCCM staff at 512-231-7400.



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