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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 several goals for the organization in 2010-2011. We have experienced significant success on many of our goals. However, we still need to devote more time and energy to achieve our other goals.

In membership development, we exceeded our goal by having 21 members from cities with 50,000 or greater population. For the first time all of the 5 largest cities in the state have at least one TABCCM Member. For cities under 50,000 populations, we did not achieve our membership goal of 80 members, but we believe it can be achieved in 2011-2012.

We made progress in cooperation with other Black organization in the State. We participated in the Legislative Black Caucus Golf Tournament and Legislative Black Caucus Scholarship Dinner. We are working with NBC-LEO and will continue our communication with the Texas Association of Black Mayors.

We continue to publish and mail our quarterly newsletter to 430 plus Black City Council Members in the State along with other sponsors and supporters of TABCCM and hold quarterly workshops. Our workshop presenters have provided us with copies of their presentations and we have been able to distribute them to our membership.

Our efforts to form a working relationship with Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are proving to be one of our most dynamic partnerships and will provide a level of technical support as potential consultants for the organization and our respective cities. We have visited or held meetings on five HBCU campuses this past year and the facilities have been excellent.

Prairie View A & M University Juvenile Justice Center and Texas Southern University: Barbara Jordan - Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs are two HBCUs that have conducted workshops for the TABCCM organization. It has become clear with these presentations that the institutions will bring theoretical and Statistical/data analysis base support for many of the causes and issues we advocate as Black Elected Officials in our respective cities.

This year has been exciting. We must be driven to set higher goals for 2011-2012. They are achievable and if we do not quite achieve our goal, we learn from our efforts. I look forward to having your help as we move forward.

Franklin (Frank) D. Moss, President

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TABCCM Members Doing Business with TABCCM Members

The Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM) is concerned about adding value to each member’s membership and providing increased network opportunities. Many of our members operate their own businesses; however, as an elected official you are unable to do business with the city you represent.

There are no restrictions that prevent local elected officials who are in business for themselves from doing business with other cities or other jurisdictions within the State. The TABCCM organization can facilitate this process by developing a directory of its members who are in businesses for themselves.

Active members will receive an information sheet which will allow you to list the kind of services you offer and your service territory. This information will be compiled into a directory and made available to all active members.

Members will be encouraged to use the directory to identify TABCCM Member service providers that your city can do business with.

This month’s newsletter features two TABCCM members who are in business for themselves and provide significant services to other cities and jurisdiction across the State.

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



Steve Mason
City of Cedar Hill
Councilman

- President of the Board for Mas-Tek Engineering & Associates, Inc., which employs 30 people. Mr. Mason is responsible for leading direct marketing initiatives through conceptualizing planning and setting corporate policy. Mas-Tek specializes in commercial material testing and geotechnical engineering.
- Executive Chair – Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Board Member – Best Southwest Partnership
- Board Member – Secretary – Minority Design Professional Council



Marcus Knight
City of Lancaster
Mayor

- Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Knight Waste Services, Ltd., an independent residential waste and recycling collection company, that provides weekly collection and disposal services to nearly 90,000 homes in Fort Worth, TX which employs 40 people.
- First African-American to be elected Mayor in Lancaster
- Secretary for TML Region 13
- Board member - Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Methodist Charlton Medical
- Executive Chair - Best Southwest Partnership

WANT TO BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?

If you have any information or an upcoming event that you would like to include 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

**T A B C C M Q U A R T E R L Y M E E T I N G
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The first quarterly meeting of the year was a big turnout outside of our annual meeting. One of the most important issues that will affect our cities and the communities we represent over the next ten years will be “Redistricting” at the local, county, and state level. The workshop addressed the significance of the 2010 census in redistricting issues and factors that each Black City Council Member should understand to assure fair and equal representation within his/her City.

The TABCCM organization would like to say “Thank You” to Dr. Michael Adams and Dr. Karen Callaghan of Texas Southern University and Fort Worth Attorney Jesse Gaines, a Redistricting Consultant, for leading the workshop. The meeting was very informative, informational and empowering. We’d also like to say “Thank You” to Anthony Snipes with the City of Austin for setting up a tour to visit Austin’s Mueller Housing Development project and which was the City’s former airport and assisting our transportation needs not just to the housing development but to Hutson-Tillotson University. Last but not least, we’d like to say “Thank You” to Hutson-Tillotson University’s President and staff for welcoming us to their campus for and providing the organization with a tour.

**T A B C C M Q U A R T E R L Y M E E T I N G
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The TABCCM organization wants to say “Thank You” to everyone who attended the Membership Meeting and Workshop at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. The organization would also like to say “Thank You” to Dr. Derrick Wilson and Dr. Camille Gibson of Prairie View A&M University. They lead an extraordinary presentation on “Juvenile Justice and Psychology.”

We as elected officials need to remember that we just don’t represent those who are eligible to vote but our young people who are our future leaders. Juvenile Issues from the past to the present have not changed but the complexity of them have. As elected officials, it is important that we not only stay on top of the problems, but have solutions and tools to aid the youth of today and tomorrow.

TABCCM would like to extend a “Thank You” to Wiley College for hosting and providing transportation for the tour of the Wiley College and in the City of Marshall. Also, a special “Thank You” to our tour guides Janet Cook, City of Marshall and Wiley College Historian and Geraldine Mauthe of Marshall Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.



Participants and the quarterly meeting at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas



Dr. Camille Gibson (left) and Dr. Derrick Wilson (right) of Prairie View A&M University leading the workshop



Janet Cook leading the tour around Wiley College.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR SPONSORS

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP at 35 Years of Age



Glenn Lewis, Partner
Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

After 35 years in business, the people who make up this Texas-based law firm have scores of stories to tell about how their work was responsible for providing a direct and tangible community benefit. But those stories and the events behind them would not have come about without the guiding principles that have helped this firm grow from one small law office and client in 1976 to a national powerhouse with more than 2,000 clients in 2011.

One of the founding partners, Dale Linebarger, who is now retired from the firm, believes you have to be trusted by the people to whom you offer your services. “If the prospective client believes and trusts you, and is confident you will do what you say you will do, he or she will tout your services to others,” Linebarger said. You cannot win over the long term by simply offering the lowest cost, “we’re not selling used cars” concluded Mr. Linebarger.

When Dale Linebarger and some friends started the law firm they focused on convincing local governments in Texas that they needed help collecting their delinquent property taxes. Over the next 20 years, the business steadily grew within that particular niche, “because we worked harder than our competitors,” according to Linebarger.

In the late 90’s a new opportunity presented itself. “A longtime tax client asked if the law firm could help them collect a backlog of delinquent court fees and fines,” said Partner Scott Wylie. Initially some of the firm’s partners resisted, fearing that diverting any resources away from the firm’s core competency might hurt their business. But, in the end, the decision was ultimately made to give it a try. Looking back, it proved to be a very good decision. One contract led to another and yet another and eventually led the firm to further diversify the types of accounts receivables it would collect for its public-sector clientele, which allowed the firm to quickly expand throughout the country.

Glenn Lewis, also a Partner, said “Government collections was something that I never envisioned myself doing during my legal career, but working in the Linebarger law firm has provided me with the opportunity to understand its vital role in the implementation of public policy. While I grew up aspiring to be a civil rights lawyer, I am both honored and humbled to be a partner in this law firm and consider it to be a major accomplishment in both my personal and professional career.”

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Their next 35 years are shaping up to be even better than their first 35.

** Article provided by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP*

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TABCCM 2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Csinese Harrell

Miss Harrell graduated from Bastrop High School and will be attending Texas State University in San Marcos. She plans to major in Education. Her goal is to become a middle or high school English teacher. Miss Harrell is the daughter of a single mother and the oldest of 3 children. She was #51 of 478 in her class with a 96.534 GPA. Miss Harrell was recommended by former president, Doc Jackson of Bastrop, Texas.

Renee Nelson

Miss Nelson is a 2010 graduate of Lindale High School attends University of Mary Hardin Baylor. She is working toward a BBA with emphasis in Marketing. While working Miss Nelson managed to have a 3.53 GPA at Mary Hardin Baylor. Her parents are Robert and Candace Nelson. Miss Nelson was recommended by her father, Councilman Robert Nelson, Sr. of Lindale, Texas.

Trey Jamal Perkins

Mr. Perkins is a graduate of Groesbeck High School plans to attend Letourneau University. He plans to major in Education with the goal of becoming a high school teacher/coach. Trey is the youngest child of a single mother who works as a janitor. His high school GPA was 3.46. Mr. Perkins was recommended by Mayor Jackie Levingston of Groesbeck, Texas.

Kendall E. Smith

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Texas. He plans to attend Prairie View A&M University and major in Computer Engineering. Kendall had a 3.24 GPA in high school and is the son of Marvin and Sarah Smith. Kendall was one of the 2011 Texas Legislative Black Caucus Scholarship winners.

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INNOVATIVE PROGRAMING AT HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Our Historic Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) offers significant programs that are available to assist Black City Council Members and Cities we represent. TABCCM will be taking aggressive efforts to providing information on these programs. Prairie View A & M University's Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center is one of these programs that can have an impact on all of cities and communities across the state.

Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center

The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A & M University is committed to the reduction of juvenile crime and delinquency in the State of Texas, mandated by HB 1550. Through the creation of the Center and the College, Prairie View A & M University supports this mission as it strives to attain national recognition in the areas of education, research, and service in doing the following:

- (1) conducting, coordinating, collecting, and evaluating research in all areas relating to juvenile crime and delinquency;
- (2) providing a setting for educational programs relating to juvenile crime and delinquency, including degree programs at Prairie View A&M University and other educational programs such as continuing education and in-service training for criminal justice and social service professionals;
- (3) serving as a state and national resource for information on juvenile crime and delinquency; and
- (4) in connection with its research and educational programs:
 - (A) develop programs, policies, and strategies to address juvenile crime and delinquency and related social problems; and
 - (B) create partnerships, collaborative efforts, or outreach, public service, or technical assistance programs to assist communities, governmental agencies, or private entities to implement programs, policies, and strategies that address juvenile crime and delinquency and related social problems.

The Center is the foundation for the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology which responds to HB 1550 by offering seven academic degree programs, thus allows the Center the opportunity to execute the research and evaluation, training, and collaboration functions of the Bill.

The research and evaluation agenda spans the gamut of juvenile justice issues dealing with their mental and psychological well being to the co-morbidity of substance abuse and psychiatric diagnosing among juvenile offenders to genders and ethnic problems and juvenile sexual issues.

Mostly all published works are in referred journals and the Center is responsible for publishing the referred journal "*Knowledge and Best Practices in Juvenile Justice and Psychology*", *Volumes I, II, III & IV*. The journal articles can be accessed at: <http://www.pvamu.edu>, select Colleges and Schools, then select College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology before selecting *Knowledge and Best Practices of Juvenile Justice and Psychology*.

The Center's training and continuing education function has been broadly enhanced by the various workshops and training seminars conducted. Since 2003, over 4,800 juvenile justice and social service practitioners from throughout the State of Texas have received one or more training topics related to juvenile justice and psychology.

In keeping with HB 1550, the Center has the responsibility for providing technical assistance to agencies and communities. In recent years, we have engaged communities in conferences and discussions pertaining to the welfare of juveniles across the state of Texas. Our collaborative efforts have contributed to communities and agencies becoming aware of drug related and other negative behaviors among the youth. The Center's technical assistance for the Texas Youth Commission became an integral part of the actions to make the parole process fair and consistent for the youth and has contributed to the Cameron County Juvenile Probation Department in Brownsville, Texas receiving a grant for service in that community. A community-based program, providing life-skills training to juvenile delinquents, has been recognized in Harris County as a proven prevention program due in part to the technical assistance offered by the Center staff.

T A B C C M F E A T U R E C I T Y : F O R E S T H I L L

The City of Forest Hill is located in Tarrant County, Texas, near the intersection of Forest Hill Drive and Interstate 20, and just 7 miles south from the heart of downtown Fort Worth, Texas.

Forest Hill has existed as a community since approximately 1860. It started as a farming community, gradually becoming a village and has grown to a thriving, diverse mix of almost 15, 000 residents. It was incorporated on March 16, 1946. It was originally known as Brambleton Station, and then Forest Hill Village. Settlers found the land attractive with its meadows and woods and the area began to grow. By 1905, there were two streets in town-Old Mansfield Road and Forest Hill Drive.

In 1949, after the city reached a population of 500, it petitioned to change from being labeled a “village” to a “city” and the City of Forest Hill was born on April 8, 1949.

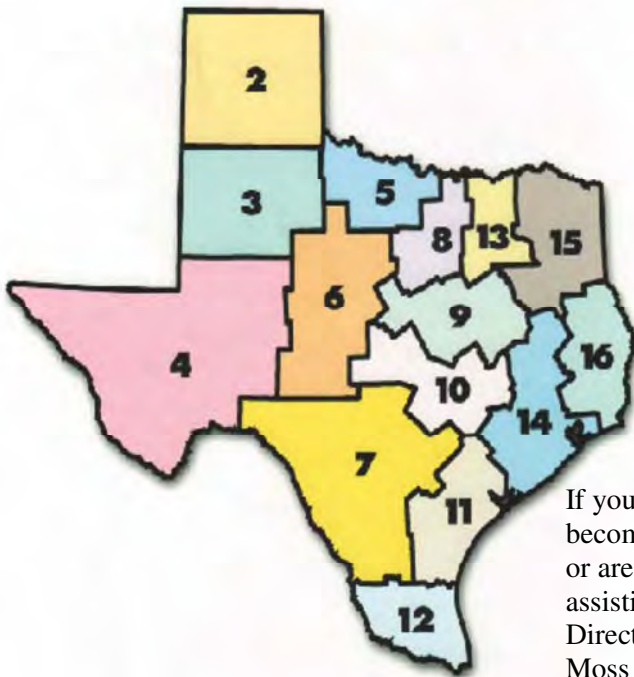
The city grew in the 60’s and by early 70’s the Forest Hill Home Rule Charter was approved giving the City the power to annex adjoining land and to better govern itself. Since that time, with careful planning and management, the City has become financially stable and continues to be a major player along the 1-20 corridor.

Forest Hill benefits from its location in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, the 4th largest metropolitan area in the United States. The Forest Hill retail trade area has a population of 356,252. Forest Hill continues to value its diverse character as it grows as a part of one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. The city was listed as the “10th fastest growing city in Tarrant County” by Fort Worth Business Press, February 2010 and names “Worthy Neighborhood” by Texas Magazine June 2008.

** Article provided by City of Forest Hill*

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

TML Municipal Regional Map



If you are interested in becoming a Regional Director or are interested in assisting the current Regional Director, please contact Frank Moss at 817-925-2182.

Area Regional Directors

Region	Director’s Name
2, 3, 4, and 6	Billy Cleaver & Kenneth Williams
5 and 8	Frank Moss & Damian Dalcour
7, 11, and 12	Vacant
9	Jackie Levingston
10	Vacant
13	Tennell Atkins & Obie Greenleaf
14	Vacant
15	Freddie Taylor & Gloria Moon
16	Audwin Samuel

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S A N D M E E T I N G

August 19-20, 2011: Board of Director's, Regional Director's, Membership Meeting and Workshop - Paul Quinn College, John Hurst Adams Building : Room 211, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas, TX 75241

October 11 - 14, 2011 2011 Annual TML Conference at George R. Brown Convention Center - Houston, Texas

October 11, 2011: T.J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament
Southwyck Golf Club
2901 Clubhouse Dr.
Pearland, Texas 77584
10:30am - 11:45 am: Registration/
Lunch/Warm - Up
Noon: Shot Gun Start

October 12, 2011: TABCCM Luncheon Event at Texas Southern University and Campus Tour of Texas Southern University - Houston, Texas

October 13, 2011: TABCCM Annual Meeting & Workshop from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the George R. Brown Convention Center - Houston, Texas

H O W T O J O I N T A B C C M

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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