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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear TABCCM Members, Black City Council Members and Friends:

I am excited and honored to be elected as the President of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members. I look forward to serving my fellow Black City Council Members over the State of Texas. My commitment to the TABCCM stems from my involvement with many of the founders of TABCCM, and my commitment to the goals of the organization.

The challenges the organization faces in the near future are significant, but the opportunities to make a difference across the State and the growth possibilities surpasses any problem that we may identify.

I am committed to move aggressively forward on the Goals TABCCM set last year which were:

- Continue to develop the TABCCM through Regional Directors and quarterly newsletters
- Develop a collaborative relationship with colleges and other informational agencies
- Explore other avenues in which the State Black Colleges and Black Council Members, Black Mayors and TABCCM can work together to address common issues
- Establish a policy advocacy process through a policy advocacy committee

Our other challenge is to grow the TABCCM Membership by offering programs of value to all Black City Council Members. We are working on a series of meetings and workshops that address issues of interest at a regional and state level. There is a commitment to conduct meetings and workshops across the state.

I am also committed to assure that all Black City Council Members will have an opportunity to be active members in TABCCM and help shape and direct the future direction of the organization.

With your support and assistance, I am ready to accept the challenge and opportunities that has been bestowed on me. Sincerely,

Franklin (Frank) Moss, Sr., President  
TABCCM

**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



**Jackie Levingston**  
City of Groesbeck  
Mayor

In 1991, she became the first African-American Woman elected to the Groesbeck City Council.

Jackie Levingston is the Grand Most Ancient Matron of the Grand High Court Heroines of Jericho. In her position, she presides over 4,000 plus members in the State of Texas.



**Michael S. Wolfe, Sr.**  
City of Hempstead  
Mayor

Michael Wolfe, Sr. has served as Mayor since 2004. He also has served as president of the Texas Conference of Black Mayor's Association since October 2009.



**Barbara McIntyre**  
City of Cleveland  
Mayor Pro Tem

Barbara McIntyre is currently serving her third term as Mayor Pro Tem. She was vice president of Texas Municipal League Region 16 in 2008 and has been serving as President of Region 16 since 2009. Barbara was elected to the TABCCM Board of Directors in October 2009.

**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*

## Who is the TABCCM President?



Franklin (Frank) Moss was elected president of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members in Fort Worth, Texas on October 21, 2009. Frank comes to this office with a great deal of enthusiasm and commitment to the TABCCM.

He was elected in August 1998 to fill the Fort Worth District 5 slot that was vacated with the death of Eugene McCray. Frank was re-elected for 3 additional terms but resigned from the council to run for County Commissioner in January 2004. He was not successful in his bid for the County Commissioner post, he was re-elected to the Fort Worth City Council in June 2007.

Frank has been active with the TABCCM since his election in August 1998. He has served as Program Committee Chair, and was Vice President of TABCCM when he left office in 2004. He has been a member of Texas Municipal League, National League of Cities, and the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO).

Frank holds a B.S. Degree from Texas Wesleyan College and a Masters in Urban Affairs from University of Texas at Arlington. He has had advanced studies at University of Texas at Arlington, and Harvard University- John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government.

Frank knows the importance of hard work because he worked full time to send himself through college. The jobs he held provided him an opportunity to complete his education and secure his B.A. and Master Degrees.

His employment after college included working at a youth service agency, Planner with the City of Mansfield, Tarrant County, and later as a Senior Manpower Planner at the North Central Texas Council of Government. He later was promoted to manager of the Regional Manpower Planning section at NCTCOG. He was employed 13 years as the Executive Director of the Fort Worth Economic Development Corporation. In 1993, he opened his current business, Moss Real Estate and Development Group. Frank is a Licensed Texas Real Estate Broker.

He has been active across the community. He serves as a board member and Treasurer of the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter of the NAACP, Charter Member of the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society and serves as a Deacon at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. He is a past board member and the first Black President of the University of Texas at Arlington Alumni Association. He is a charter member and President of the Center for Stop Six Heritage, Inc.

Some of the recognition he is most proud of are: UTA Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Service Award 1997, UTA School of Urban and Public Affairs Distinguished Alumni Award 1999, and Texas Wesleyan University Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year 2000. He also received the National Association of Development Corporation Organization Region VI Hall of Fame Award- "Advocate for Community Development" 1993.

Frank is married to Christene Chadwick Moss and they have three children.



**T A B C C M 2 0 0 9  
S c h o l a r s h i p W i n n e r**

Miss Erica Dorsey is a recipient of the Eugene McCray Scholarship. Miss Dorsey is a 2007 graduate of Sulphur Springs High School. She currently is a junior majoring in psychology at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. Miss Dorsey hopes to open her practice specializing in child/art therapy to help young children who have been physically and emotionally abused. Congratulations Miss Erica Dorsey!!!

“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

**Eugene McCray Scholarship**

Applications are now being accepted for 2010. The TABCCM will be awarding up to four \$500.00 scholarships to African-American high school graduates and/or college undergraduates. The scholarship may be used for tuition or fees. Our goal is to have as many students from across the state applying for the scholarship. Applications are currently being accepted until April 1, 2010 and are online at: [www.txabccm.org](http://www.txabccm.org). If you are interested in receiving more information about the TABCCM Eugene McCray Scholarship, please contact committee chair Jackie Levingston at: (254-645-0301 or 254-729-2427 or [jalevin1@yahoo.com](mailto:jalevin1@yahoo.com)).

**The Black Box**

Freddie Taylor, Councilmember of Sulphur Springs has come up with an innovative idea to get information out about scholarship opportunities. It would be a good idea to use the term “black box” to identify where scholarship information is available in cities across the state.

In an effort to spread the word about the Eugene McCray Scholarship, here is something that has been done in my area. Once scholarships are received by the high school, the school counselors make copies and put them in a black one drawer file cabinet in alphabetical order. The file cabinet is located in the counselor’s office. A day is designated during the week to announce new scholarships which gives students an opportunity to know about new scholarships and they can stop by the counselor’s office for a copy. This is just an idea that some of the TABCCM members can use to promote the Eugene McCray Scholarship in your area.

By: Freddie Taylor.

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NLC NBC-LEO UPDATE



Congratulations Audwin Samuel! Audwin is the current NBC-LEO President. Audwin has over twenty years of voluntary service to his community, state and nation serving on many boards and commissions. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Beaumont Independent School District, the City Council for the City of Beaumont, the Board of Directors for the Texas Association of Black City Council Members and the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities. He is a member of the Beaumont City Council where he has proudly served for almost 20 years. Audwin has also served as President Elect and Second Vice President of the NBC-LEO organization. Congratulations again!



Kathleen Hicks, City of Fort Worth councilwoman was elected as an At-Large Board member of NBC-LEO.



Jaime Smith, City of Beaumont councilmember will be serving as the Regional Director for Region 11, which includes Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Dorothy Burton, City of Duncanville councilmember serves as Assistant Regional Director for Region 11.

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**2009 T.J. PATTERSON, SR. GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The TABCCM 2009 T.J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament was a big success. The 2009 tournament had the largest participation in the history of the tournament. Plans are already underway for the 2010 Tournament in Corpus Christi. TABCCM would like to thank all of the teams and the following sponsors who provided funds to support the Eugene McCray Scholarship Fund.

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**TABCCM COMMITTEE**

There are many opportunities for a member of the TABCCM to get involved in one of the committees of the of the Association. Active committees of the Association are:

**Executive Committee of the Board**

Franklin (Frank) Moss, President  
 Marie Herndon Vice President  
 Tamara Young, Secretary  
 Mustafa Sami, Treasurer

**Finance (Budget) Committee**

Mustafa Sami, Treasurer-Chairperson  
 Franklin (Frank) Moss, President  
 (Open to Membership)

**Program Committee**

Dorothy Burton, Chairperson  
 (Open to Membership)

**Nomination Committee**

To be appointed by President  
 Let the president know if your are interested

**Policy and Advocacy Committee**

Audwin Samuels, Chairperson  
 Jaime Smith  
 Lyndia Thomas  
 (Open to Membership)

**Fund Raising Committee**

Franklin (Frank) Moss  
 (Open to Membership)

**Newsletter**

Franklin (Frank) Moss  
 Michelle Reynolds  
 T.J. Patterson, Jr.  
 Jackie Levingston

**Scholarship Committee**

Jackie Levingston, Chairperson  
 Lyndia Thomas  
 (Open to Membership)

**TABCCM Meeting - Jan. 8-9, 2010: Austin, Texas**

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



### The 2010 U.S. Census

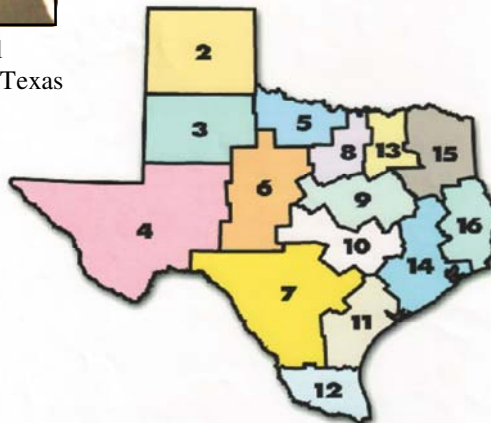
The 2010 Census is upon us and this is one of the most important census to date. As we know the census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. All U.S. residents must be counted – both citizens and non citizens. This is the shortest census form in history. The 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Questionnaires will be sent out in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Why is it important that as council members you get involved and make sure the community completes their form? Because the census data determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representative. In addition, the census will affect the number and allocation of Texas Senate and Texas House Members seats in the Texas Legislature. The data will also help determine the allocation of federal funds (every year over \$300 billion is awarded) for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers and new construction, such as schools, highways and hospitals. On the local level the census will affect redistricting of cities especially districts that have large areas of low count. It is important that we as black elected officials get involved and get our communities counted for continued representation because in March 2011 the Census Bureau will be completing it’s delivery of redistricting data to states. Please encourage your constituents to complete and mail back the form. If we can’t represent the community, then who will? If you need more information or need to find out who is the census representative for your area, please contact Gabriel Perales of the U.S. Census Bureau at 214.637.9680 (office), 214.793.1656 (cell) or e-mail: [Gabriel.perales@census.gov](mailto:Gabriel.perales@census.gov). The U.S. Census Bureau has begun hiring people to assist in the 2010 U.S. Census. They are interested in hiring people familiar with their communities. If you know someone who is interested in employment, have them call 1-866-861-2010 for more information.

### REGIONAL DIRECTORS



Dorothy Burton leads Regional Director’s workshop– Austin, Texas

TML Municipal Regional Map



#### Area Regional Directors

Region	Director’s Name
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

May 2010: TABCCM Board, General and Regional meeting for Region 15 and workshop - Commerce, Texas

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

October 2010: TML Annual Conference, T.J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament, TABCCM Workshop, Board and General Membership meeting - Corpus Christi, Texas.

## 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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