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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) completed another year at the TML Conference in Corpus Christi. In 2009, the Board and Membership set some aggressive goals that we have either reached or exceeded.

Significant progress was made in the following areas:

- Membership Development: Substantial growth has occurred in all areas of our affiliate membership.
 For the first time most of the large cities in Texas have at least one TABCCM member.
- 2. Board and Membership Meetings: Four successful meetings were held around the State over the past year.
- Workshops and Seminars: Conducted four successful seminars which addressed: (1) Political Ethics,
 Municipal Budgeting, (3) Developing a working relationship with Historical Black Colleges and Universities in Texas, and (4) Municipal Bond Financing.
- Scholarship Program: Two \$1,000.00 Scholarships were awarded.
- 5. T. J. Patterson Golf Tournament: A successful golf tournament was conducted in Corpus Christi.
- 6. Develop a working relationship with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU): A work session was held with HBCUs and a plan of action was developed. Two TABCCM meetings were held at Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, Texas) and Texas College (Tyler, Texas). TABCCM members toured Jarvis Christian College (Hawkins, Texas). The 2011 meeting schedule is being developed for future meetings on other HBCU campuses.
- 7. Appoint Regional Directors and began regional meetings around the State.

There is much that TABCCM needs to do in 2011. With committed and active members, we will be able to achieve our goals. We need your help in determining what programs and activities add value to the TABCCM membership.

With your help, our Board and Membership is only limited by our imagination and our ability to set attainable goals.

Sincerely

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TABCCM PRESIDENT



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TABCCM MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



Ivy R. Taylor
City of San Antonio
Councilwoman

- First class of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) Two minority council member with less than one year of service as councilpersons were selected by the Foundation nationally.
- Elected to council in 2009
- Serves on the Board of Directors for the Martinez Street Women's Center and Healthy Futures of Texas
- Completed the Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Leadership Training Program
- Member of TABCCM



Leonard ReedCity of Willis
Mayor

- Voted President-Elect of TML in October 2010 and is scheduled to succeed current President in 2011
- Elected Mayor of Willis in 2003
- Elected to Willis council in 1999
- Elected to represent Region 14 on the TML Board of Directors in 2008
- Attained the status of Certified Municipal Official for obtaining 74 credit hours of continuing education
- Member of TABCCM



Dana A. BatisteEnvironmental Machines & Services, LLC
President

- First Corporate Member of TABCCM
- Joined Environmental Machines and Services in January 2010 as President
- Former Sr. Manager of Business
 Development for American Water
 Works Company Municipal Services:
 the largest private operating water
 company in the industry, a \$2.2 billion
 national firm that specializes in
 serving the municipal market
- Participates in the T.J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament that benefits the Eugene McCray Scholarship

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 Barak
Obama

TABCCM MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2010 TML CONFERENCE CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

If you were not able to make to the Annual meeting in Corpus, you missed a treat. The TABCCM organization had one of it's largest turnouts during the 2010 Annual TML Conference in Corpus Christi. During our meeting, we picked up eight new members including one corporate member. The City of Forest Hill has become the first city to have it's entire Council of Black Elected Officials to become members of the organization.

The TABCCM organization would like to say "Thank You" to U.S. Williams of Estrada Hinojosa and Yava Scott of Siebert Brandford Shank, LLC for their presentation on Municipal Bonding. Many of the elected officials found the work session to be very informative and the atmosphere comfortable to ask questions. It is important that the TABCCM organization provide Black Elected Officials with valuable and useful work sessions that will give guidance in the decisions we make as policy makers and community representatives. If you were not able to attend the educational session in Corpus Christi and would like information on the presentation, please call Siebert Brandford Shank, LLC at 713-222-1585 or Estrada Hinojosa at 214-658-1670.

Many "Thanks" to all of those who were able to participate in any portion of the Annual meeting. Your presence is the reason it was tremendously successful. As we embark on the upcoming year, let's continue to move forward. The 2011 Annual TML Conference will be in Houston and has the potential for even greater attendance and participation for the TABCCM organization and the organization is looking for support from you.

TABCCM QUARTERLY MEETING AUGUST 27-28, 2010 PRAIRIE VIEW, TX

The August 2010 TABCCM meeting was very successful. This was the second meeting held at Prairie View A&M University and with increased attendance over last year. This is a testimony to TABCCM's growth as we continue to meet our goal of growing the organization. There were several elected officials who became members of the organization over the weekend. Councilwoman Marie Herndon did an excellent job organizing our meeting by securing a venue and arranging to have food and the bus tour for the group underwritten.

State Representative Sylvester Turner was present to talk about issues at the State level and provided us with ways we can get involved and assist out counter parts at the State level. Another goal as an organization is to build our relationship with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). During our weekend session, we held a roundtable workshop on "TABCCM Exploring Ways to Form a Working Relationship with Texas Historically Black Colleges and Universities" moderated by Councilwoman Dorothy Burton from the City of Duncanville. As a result of the meeting we came up with attainable joint goals (see list on page 4) that we can accomplish together.

The TABCCM organization would like to extend a big "Thank You" to the representative from Prairie View A&M University, Texas Southern University and Hutson Tillotson University for their participation in the discussion and to Mayor Michael Wolfe from the City of Hempstead and Councilman Frank Jackson from the City of Prairie View for being our guides and historians for our bus tour in the City of Hempstead, the City of Prairie View and at Prairie View A&M University campus.

Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Establishes Joint Goals

In August 2010, the TABCCM met with representatives from several Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) to set goals and establish a plan of action.

TABCCM will assist HBCUs with the following:

- 1.) Provide scholarship opportunities
- 2.) Provide mentorship to HBCU students
- 3.) Provide internships to HBCU students
- 4.) Be available to be guest lecturers at the HBCUs
- 5.) Provide seminars and workshops for HBCU students

HBCUs will assist the TABCCM with the following:

- 1.) Provide policy research as it relates to issues that affect the African-American community
- 2.) Provide juvenile crime research and statistics so that we can find ways to reach, teach and guide our youth in our respective cities
- 3.) Provide information on economic development as it relates to wealth creation so that we can grow our cities and communities

TABCCM Meeting - October 28, 2010: Corpus Christi, Texas

Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend the TABCCM Annual Meeting and to U.S. Williams & Yava Scott for leading the Municipal Bonding Workshop.



Yava Scott Siebert Brandford Shank & Co.



Participants in the TABCCM meeting



U.S. Williams Estrada Hinojosa

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T.J. Patterson Sr., Golf Tournament - October 26, 2010: Corpus Christi, Texas

Many thanks to all who participated in the tournament.



Peace Team



Siemens Energy Team



Chevron Team



Waste Management Team
2010 T.J. Patterson Sr. Golf Classis Winner



Edward Jones Team



Council Team

Fort Worth Police/Fire Team—Rick Van Houten

* Does not include all golf participants

TABCCM Meeting - August 28, 2010: Prairie View, Texas

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



Participants who attended the meeting



Councilpersons: Jolanda Jones, Barbara McIntyre and Damian Dalcour



Rep. Sylvester Turner and Frank Moss



Lorraine Samuels, Huston Tillotson Representative

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

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

The 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

February 11, 2011 (Confirmed Date): Board of Directors, Membership Meeting and Workshop - Austin Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas

February 11 - 13, 2011 (Confirmed Date): TML Elected Official's Conference - Austin Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas

June 2- 4, 2011 (Tentative Date): Board of Director's, Regional Director's, Membership Meeting and Workshop - Marshall, Texas (not confirmed)

August 12–13, 2011 (Tentative Date): Board of Director's, Regional Director's, Membership Meeting and Workshop - Dallas, Texas (not confirmed)

October 11 - 14, 2011 (Confirmed Date): 2011 Annual TML Conference - Houston, Texas TABCCM Hospitality Event at Texas Southern University (planned not confirmed) - Houston, Texas

October 11, 2011: T.J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament - Houston, 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

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Students—\$10.00

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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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