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Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2013
Prepared By/Phone Number: Deece Eckstein, 854-9754
Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Deece Eckstein, 854-9754
Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON TRAVIS COUNTY APPOINTMENT TO THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (CTRMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SUMMARY AND IGR COORDINATOR RECOMMENDATION:

The terms of Nikelle S. Meade, a Travis County appointee to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) Board of Directors, expires February 1, 2013. Ms. Meade was first appointed to the board in March, 2007. She has sent a letter to Judge Biscoe indicating her desire to be reappointed to the board.

IGR recommends that the Court reappoint Nikelle S. Meade to the CTRMA board for a term from February 2, 2013 to February 1, 2015.

Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority was created in 2002 as a joint effort between Travis and Williamson counties to expand mobility options in the region. The CTRMA is governed by a seven-member board, with three appointees each from Travis and Williamson counties and a chair appointed by the governor. The other Travis County appointees are **David Armbrust** and **Charles Heimsath**, whose terms will expire in February, 2014.

Qualifications – and Disqualifications – of a Board Member

A member of the Board must be a resident of the county from whence they are appointed.

A member of the Board may **not** be:

1. An elected official; or
2. An employee of a city or county located wholly or partly within the boundaries of CTRMA.

Moreover, a person is **not** eligible to serve on the Board if the person or the person's spouse:

1. is employed by or participates in the management of a business entity or other organization, other than a political subdivision, that is regulated by or receives money from TxDOT or the Authority;
2. owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than a 10 percent interest in a business entity or other organization that is regulated by or receives money from TxDOT or the Authority, other than compensation for acquisition of turnpike right-of-way;
3. uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible goods, services, or money from TxDOT or the Authority, other than compensation or reimbursement authorized by law for Board membership, attendance, or expenses, or for compensation for acquisition of turnpike right-of-way;
4. is an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of road construction, maintenance, or operation; or
5. is required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government Code, because of the person's activities for compensation on behalf of a profession related to the operation of TxDOT or the Authority.

Applicants are required to sign a notarized affidavit attesting they meet these criteria. Ms. Meade signed such an affidavit when she was first appointed.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: Not applicable.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: None.

NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY OR BE INVOLVED WITH THIS REQUEST:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Letter from Nikelle Meade to Judge Biscoe, expressing her interest in reappointment to the CTRMA Board of Directors, December 14, 2012.
- B. Affidavit of CTRMA board membership eligibility, executed by Nikelle Meade, January 8, 2013.



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December 14, 2012

The Honorable Sam Biscoe
700 Lavaca, Suite 360
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Request for Reappointment to Board of Directors –
Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Dear Judge Biscoe:

By this letter, I am requesting reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority. I have served since March, 2007, when I was appointed by the Court to fill the unexpired term of resigning board member Johanna Zmud. My current term expires February 1, 2013.

Since first being appointed by the Court, I have participated actively in the CTRMA Board, serving on ad hoc committees for Executive Director evaluation and board training, serving as a member of the International Bridge, Tunnel, Turnpike Association, serving as Chair of the Right-of-Way Acquisition Committee, and serving as Board Secretary.

It continues to be my pleasure and an honor to serve as one of Travis County's appointees to the Board, and I hope to continuing my service for a third full term. Transportation remains one of our community's most critical issues, and CTRMA is an important component of successfully addressing the transportation problems we face. I enjoy being a part of that process and believe I bring helpful and valuable skills to the table on behalf of Travis County.

I have attached to this letter my current bio and resumé. Please let me know if any additional information is needed to consider my reappointment request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nikelle S. Meade

Enclosures

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NIKELLE S. MEADE

Nikelle S. Meade is an attorney and Partner with the law firm of Brown McCarroll, L.L.P., in Austin, Texas, becoming associated with the firm in 1998. During prior legal appointments she has served as a Judicial Intern for Justice Jack Hightower of the Supreme Court of Texas, as a Legislative Intern for State Representative Dawwna M. Dukes, and as an Associate Attorney with the law firm of Minter Joseph & Thornhill, P.C.

Her practice involves representation of clients before local and state agencies, and she provides legal advice in the areas of procurement, transportation, public-private partnerships, commercial and residential real estate, business negotiations and transactions, economic development incentives, zoning, platting and land use.

Ms. Meade's professional affiliations include the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association, the Austin Bar Association, the American Planning Association, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, the Real Estate Council of Austin, the Real Estate Councils of Texas, CREW Network, CCIM, AARO (Austin Area Research Organization), Urban Land Institute, International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association, and WTS (Women's Transportation Seminar).

Ms. Meade received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1992 and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law in 1995.



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Legal Experience

Ms. Meade represents clients in all aspects of local government law and real estate with an emphasis in land use and real estate development law, public finance, and governmental affairs. She also has vast experience in commercial transactions including purchase and sale, leases, and general contracts. Her work includes zoning, permitting, land use planning, public private partnership creation, and procurement.

Representative Project Experience

- Representation of commercial real estate developer in high-rise condominium development in Austin's central business district and surrounding areas.
- Representation of national real estate investment trust in entitlement matters.
- Representation of property owner association in negotiation of entitlements with national developer for \$100 million development project.
- Representation of multi-family housing developer in creation of public-private partnership to develop a 250-unit apartment development.
- Representation of international developer to develop a 5000 -acre mixed use development with public financing.
- Representation of Fortune 500 company in negotiation of services contract with local government body.

Education

- Doctor of Jurisprudence, The University of Texas School of Law, 1995
Endowed Presidential Scholar, 1992-1995
- Bachelor of Arts, English and Psychology, The University of Texas at Austin, 1992
Texas Excellence Scholar, 1988-1992

Professional Licenses

- Attorney at Law, Texas, since 1995

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Texas, since 1995

Prior Professional Experience

- Supreme Court of Texas, Justice Jack Hightower, Intern, 1995
- Office of Texas State Representative Dawnna M. Dukes, 75th Legislative Session, 1997
- Minter Joseph & Thornhill, P.C., Associate, 1995-1998

Speeches and Publications

- *Urban Redevelopment: The New Normal*, CREW Network 2012 National Convention, Chicago, Illinois, 2012
- *Hot Topics in Education Law*, American Bar Association, State and Local Government Law Section Fall Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, 2012
- *Hot Topics in Land Use Law*, American Bar Association, State and Local Government Law Section Fall Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2012
- *Regionalism: A Texas Perspective*, American Bar Association, State and Local Government Law Section Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, 2011
- *Environmental Justice in Delivery of Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure*, International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association Annual Meeting, Berlin, Germany 2011
- *Protecting Your PPP and Incentive Agreements(As Best You Can) in the Face of Bankruptcy*, 2011 University of Texas School of Law Land Use Law Conference, Austin, Texas
- *Austin Permit Process: Updates and Case Studies*, CCIM Austin "Hot Topics" Symposium 2009, Austin, Texas
- *It Ain't Easy Being Green: Understanding LEED*, 2009 CREW Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas
- *Austin Permit Process: Updates and Case Studies*, 2008 CCIM Austin "Hot Topics" Symposium Austin, Texas
- *Alternative Approaches to Affordable Housing*, 2002 Travis County Bar Association Annual Land Use Law Conference, Austin, Texas
- *SB510- Overview of Legislation & Legalities*, 2001 SB510/Governmental Contracting, Austin, Texas
- *On-site Sewage Facilities, New Laws* Travis County Bar Association Annual Land Use Institute, Austin, Texas
- *Legislative Update*, 1999, Travis County Bar Association Annual Land Use Law Conference, Speech
- *Ethics Considerations Related to Regulatory Takings: Conflicts, The Revolving Door, and Communication with Third Parties*, Austin, Texas, April 1998
- *Laws Relating to Species Protection*, Austin, Texas, January 1995

Professional Memberships and Activities

- American Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Chair, State and Local Government Law Section
- American Planning Association, Member of State Chapter and National Chapter
- State Bar of Texas, Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section and Business Section
- Real Estate Council of Austin, President
- Austin Bar Association, Real Estate Section, Administrative Law Section
- Austin Area Research Organization
- CREW Austin, Commercial Real Estate Women – Austin Chapter
- Women's Transportation Seminar
- International Bridge, Turnpike, and Tunnel Association

Honors

- *Austin Under Forty*, Winner, Frost Bank Legal Division, 2007
- *Texas Rising Star*, named by Law and Politics Media, Inc. and Published in *Texas Monthly Super Lawyers*, 2004, 2005 and 2006
- *Austin Business Journal Profiles in Power Award*, 2009
- Cain Foundation Public Interest Fellowship

Community Involvement

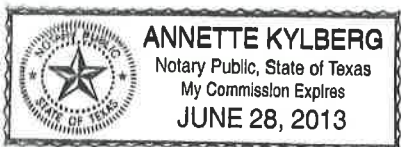
- Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, appointee of Travis County Commissioners Court
- AARO, Austin Area Research Organization, Water Committee, Transportation Committee, Nomination Committee, Strategic Leadership Committee
- Austin Habitat for Humanity, Facilities Committee Chairman; Executive Committee Member; Board of Directors
- Envision Central Texas, Board of Directors
- Ballet Austin, Board of Directors

8. I have no personal investments that could reasonably be expected to create a substantial conflict between my private interests and the interests of the RMA, as required by 43 Texas Administrative Code §26.33(a)(4).
9. I have no personal interest in agreements that are or will be executed by the RMA, as required by 43 Texas Administrative Code §26.33(a)(6).
10. Neither I nor my spouse:
 - a. work for or participate in the management of an organization (other than a political subdivision) that is regulated by or receives funds from TxDOT, as required by 43 Texas Administrative Code §26.33(b)(1)(A);
 - b. directly or indirectly own or control more than 10% of the stock of a company that is regulated by or receives funds from TxDOT, as required by 43 Texas Administrative Code §26.33(b)(1)(B);
 - c. use or receive a substantial amount of tangible goods from TxDOT, as required by 43 Texas Administrative Code §26.33(b)(1)(C); or
 - d. are required to register as a lobbyist because of our activities for compensation on behalf of a profession related to the operation of TxDOT, as required by 43 Texas Administrative Code §26.33(b)(1)(D).

Nikelle S Meade

Name:

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me by *Nikelle S. Meade* on *Jan.*, 201*3*.



Annette Kylberg
Notary Public in and for
the State of Texas