



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** February 19, 2013

**Prepared By/Phone Number:** Barbara Smith 854-9333

**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Commissioner Gerald Daugherty GD

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Commissioner Gerald Daugherty

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:** Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Teri Flack the Travis County Historical Commission effective immediately until January 31, 2015.

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:**

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

N/A

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TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Membership Application/Information for Appointment

Name (First, Middle, Last): Teri Evelyn Flack

Address (street, city, zip code): 400 North Lake Hills Drive, Austin Texas 78733

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Email Address: flack.teri@gmail.com

Home Phone: 512.263.9228 Work: Cell: 512.762.5733

Travis County Precinct in which you live: 1st. 2nd. 3rd. X 4th.

Biographical Information

Former Employer: Retired from Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Former Occupation/Position: Deputy Commissioner & Special Advisor to Commissioner of Higher Education

Business Address: PO Box 12788, Austin Texas 78711

Education: High School College Graduate: X

Degree, certificate, certifications, held: BS in Education (History), MBA, Paralegal Certificate, MA in History (Public History)—December 15, 2012

Other schools, training or employment that might aid in preservation work: Studied historic preservation, cultural resource management, local and community history, archival preservation and oral history. See attached resume for overview of work and educational experience.

Special interests and hobbies: Genealogy, historical research, records preservation and access

Describe any preservation work you have done or reasons why you are interested in being appointed to the Travis County Historical Commission (attach extra sheet, if required): After retiring, I returned to college to study public history and specifically to develop skills in historic preservation and researching local and community history. I am particularly interested in the Commission's initiatives to document the history of Travis County, including assisting in researching the history of local buildings and locations, and approving historical marker applications to tell the under-told stories of the diverse groups of people who built the county. I would like to work towards increasing public awareness and appreciation of the value of preserving the heritage of Travis County. As a long-time genealogist, I have a deep appreciation of the

I would like to be considered for the Travis County Historical Commission and certify that the above information is true and correct. (Please attach Non-Conflict of Interest Affidavit)

Teri E Flack
Signature

28 November 2012
Date

Continuation of answer to the question "Describe any preservation work you have done or reasons why you are interested in being appointed to the Travis County Historical Commission (attach extra sheet, if required)"

information local records can reveal about the people who created our community. I have been active in state and national initiatives to preserve local records and to ensure access to them by researchers and historians. I volunteer at the Texas State Archives and I am currently processing over 1,000 volumes of Galveston County records, which until now have been invisible to the public because no finding aid existed. Once completed, finding aids will be online to enable interested researchers to know what records and information are available.

**NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT**

**Definition:**

No County appointed official, whether paid or unpaid, shall engage in any business or transaction or shall have a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of his/her official duties in the public interest or would tend to impair his/her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his/her official duties."

Know All Men By These Present

Teri E. Flack has read and understands the definition shown above as it relates to any possible conflict of interest.

The undersigned makes this affidavit as specified of interest on his/her part or on the part of any immediate family member.

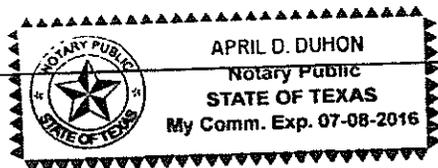
In witness thereof, the undersigned has signed and sealed this instrument on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

Teri E. Flack  
Signature of Applicant  
29 NOVEMBER 2012  
Date

Personally appeared before the undersigned, Teri E. Flack  
Who after being duly sworn, deposes and states that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true.

April Duhon  
Notary Public, Travis County, Texas

My commission expires 7-8-16



## **Teri E. Flack**

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### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION**

VOLUNTEER, TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

June 2012 – Present

Processing over 1,000 volumes of 18th and 19th century Galveston County records with the goal of making them accessible to researchers. Preparing TARO finding aid. Conducting conservation assessment. In future, will be processing numerous boxes of Galveston County loose papers.

#### **TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

CHAIR, RECORDS PRESERVATION AND ACCESS COMMITTEE, 2008 - Present

STATE LIAISON TO NATIONAL RECORDS PRESERVATION AND ACCESS COMMITTEE, 2008 – Present

Advise the genealogical community on issues related to preservation of and access to historical records. Advise Texas legislators on the potential impact of proposed changes to open records laws. Advised Texas genealogical community on potential impact of closing the national Social Security Death Index. Consulted with the Texas Supreme Court's Court Records Preservation Task Force to provide information about the importance of the preservation of and access to records for genealogical and historical research.

#### **TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN MARCOS**

GRADUATE ASSISTANT, CENTER FOR TEXAS PUBLIC HISTORY, ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

January – June 2012

Transcribed and edited oral history interviews of Dr. Everette Swinney, former Chair of Texas State University History Department. Conducted oral history interview of Dr. Kenneth Margerison, former Chair of Texas State University History Department. Transcribed and edited oral history interviews conducted during spring 2012. Developed a transcribing style guide for the Department of History. Assisted in securing bound copies of transcripts of oral history interviews.

#### **TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD**

SPECIAL ADVISOR TO COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

July 2006 – May 2007 and December 2008 – June 2009

Advised the Commissioner on higher education issues and matters of concern to state policymakers. Liaison to legislative and executive branches of state government and higher education institutions, particularly on appropriations matters and higher education finance.

**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

August 2000 – June 2006

Assisted the Commissioner in all aspects of agency administration. Oversaw six divisions, the Office of Governmental Relations and Public Information, and the General Counsel's Office. Liaison to colleges and universities, the Texas Legislature and other Board/higher education constituencies. Examined and analyzed issues of concern to higher education, particularly issues related to affordability, developmental education, college access, and higher education finance. Worked with legislators, other state leaders, and higher education institutions to develop policy and create legislation; negotiated budget issues.

**DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION**

July 1994 – July 2000

Advised the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner on higher education issues and represented the Board to policy makers and the public. Developed and negotiated policy. Negotiated budget issues. Drafted legislation and provided resource information. Managed public information office. Agency press contact. Edited Coordinating Board documents, and assisted staff in preparation, publication, and dissemination of reports, studies, and information related to higher education issues.

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS**

**CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION**

August 1989 – July 1994

**INVESTIGATOR, CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION**

April 1987 – July 1989 & January 1979 – March 1984

**EDUCATION**

Master of Arts in History, Texas State University-San Marcos, to be awarded-December 2012  
Concentration: Public History

Master of Business Administration, Southwest Texas State University, December 1990

Graduate Paralegal Certificate, Southwest Texas State University, December 1977

B. S. in Education, Southwest Texas State University, May 1974  
Major – History, Minor – Political Science

**PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC HISTORY REPORTS**

“The Seat of Future Empire: Uncovering the Origins of Austin’s Exceptionalism.”  
*Intersections: New Perspectives in Texas Public History* 1, No. 1 (Spring 2012).

“Shining a Spotlight on the Need to Preserve Courthouse Records.” *Stirpes* 51, No. 4  
(December 2011).

*Buchanan Dam and the Damming of the Colorado River.* Texas historical marker application prepared for the Llano County Historical Commission, November 2011.

*Proposed Exhibit Gallery: "All Aboard! Transporting Passengers on Steam Trains."* Co-author. Prepared for the Austin Steam Train Association, May 2011.

### **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, November 2012: "Gone to Texas: Fundamentals of Texas Research," "Records: Ensuring Preservation and Access," and "Dead Men Talking: Finding Answers Using Probate and Estate Records"

San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society, San Angelo, Texas, October 2012: "Keeping the Home Fires Burning: The Texas Home Front During the Civil War" and "Using Maps to Explore Your Ancestors' Lives"

Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Waco, Texas, November 2010, keynote presentations: "Finding Your Ancestors in the Republic of Texas" and "Keeping the Home Fires Burning: The Texas Home Front During the Civil War"

Caldwell County Genealogical and Historical Society, Lockhart, Texas, October 2010: "Using Probate Records in Genealogical Research," "Using Maps to Explore Your Ancestors' Lives," and "Finding Your Ancestors in the Republic of Texas"

Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, September 2009: "How Disease, Disaster and Hard Times Changed Our Ancestors' Lives" and "Finding Your Ancestors in the Republic of Texas"