

**AGENDA
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022
9:00 AM**

Webinar/Conference Call Meeting

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Item 1. Call to order.

Item 2. Review and consider approval of minutes dated November 17, 2021. (See page 2)

Item 3. Discussion/action on the recommendation of appointing the Executive Committee members, Executive Committee Officers, and subcommittee members (See page 4; to be presented by Chris Brown, Executive Director)

Item 4. Adjourn.

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**MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

The Nominating Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, via teleconference/webinar.

Item 1. L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. The first order of business was to approve the recommendation of Board members to the Executive and Audit Committees.

Chris Brown, Executive Director, stated that the City of Paris Council met and elected the following representatives to the ATCOG Board of Directors and the ATCOG Executive Committee.

- ATCOG Board of Directors – Mayor Paula Portugal
- ATCOG Executive Committee – Council Member Mihir Pankaj

Mr. Brown recommended the committee approve the appointment of Mr. Mihir Pankaj, Council Member, City of Paris, to the Executive Committee.

A motion was made by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, to recommend the appointment of Mr. Mihir Pankaj, Council Member, City of Paris, to the Executive Committee, seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville. It was approved.

Mr. Brown recommended the committee nominate a Board member to the Audit Committee.

Judge Lee, recommended Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County, seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

The following recommendations for appointment will be presented to the ATCOG Board for approval on December 9, 2021.

- ATCOG Executive Committee – Council Member Mihir Pankaj, City of Paris
- ATCOG Audit Committee – Judge Brandon Bell, Lamar County

Item 3. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center
L. D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant
Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director

Brian Lee, Vice President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

For the ATCOG Executive Committee:

Each member County Government, and one member City Government within each county shall have an assigned seat on the Executive Committee. There shall be three assigned seats available for members under Article IV.A. 4-8. Any seat without a filled appointment as defined in Article V.A will remain vacant until such time a qualified candidate be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Available Executive Committee Seats (up to 23 Total)

1 seat for each jurisdiction	Current
Bowie County	1
City	1
Cass County	1
City	1 – lack of attendance
Delta County	1 – lack of attendance – will retire
City	1 - lack of attendance
Franklin County	1
City	v
Hopkins County	1
City	1
Lamar County	1
City	1 - lack of attendance
Miller County	v
City	v
Morris County	1
City	v
Red River County	1 – will retire
City	1
Titus County	1 – will retire
City	v

Up to 3 total seats for the following jurisdictions

Community/Junior College or School District	
Special District	1
Authority	1
Associate Member	

ATCOG Bylaws

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

- A. There will be an Executive Committee chosen from the Board of Directors, consisting of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to nineteen other members maintaining two-thirds of the membership be elected officials of member cities or counties. These twenty-three Committee members are to be elected by the Directors at the Annual Meeting which shall be the regular meeting in September and will serve a two-year term beginning at the Executive Committee meeting in October, with no limitations for successions. No Board member may be elected to the Executive Committee if the entity which he represents is in arrears of dues, payments or other fees owed to the Ark-Tex Council of Governments. Vacancies on the Executive Committee because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled immediately by vote of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments on recommendation of a nominating committee of not less than three Directors appointed by the highest officer of the then active Executive Committee.
- B. **Each member County Government, and one member City Government within each county shall have an assigned seat on the Executive Committee.** There shall be three assigned seats available for members under Article IV.A. 4-8. Any seat without a filled appointment as defined in Article V.A will remain vacant until such time a qualified candidate be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- C. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Council, and in general, shall supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Council. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He and/or the Secretary, Treasurer or any other proper officer of the Council authorized by the Board of Directors may sign any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, drafts or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, and in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and other such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Board of Directors may authorize, upon occasion, the Executive Director to act in its behalf and sign documents as described above.
- D. In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.
- E. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the records and ensure execution of such as duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such members; and in general perform, or assign to be

performed, all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

- F. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Council; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Council from any source whatsoever; and deposit all such monies in the name of the Council in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article X of these Bylaws; and in general, perform, or assign to be performed all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.
- G. No entity member may have more than one Director serve on the Executive Committee.
- H. The Executive Committee, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, shall normally meet monthly, and shall be responsible for the implementation of policies established by the Board of Directors. Such meetings, shall be in a consistent, centralized location as determined by the Executive Committee. Actions to the Executive Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors upon the written request of any member.
- I. Nine (9) members, or a simple majority of appointed members of the Executive Committee (whichever is less) shall constitute a quorum and the President shall vote only in case of a tie vote of the other members.
- J. A member missing more than three (3) consecutive, regular Executive Committee meetings must have a legitimate excuse, approved by the Executive Committee for his/her third consecutive absence or he/she shall forfeit his/her position on the Executive Committee. A position made vacant by such forfeiture shall be filled as described in Article V, para. (A) above. Regular membership on the Board of Directors shall not be affected by the provisions of this paragraph.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall be composed of members elected or appointed by the membership within the area specified in these Bylaws, and shall be elected or appointed as may be determined by each respective member in the following manner as long as the Board maintains two-thirds of the membership be elected officials of member cities or counties (LGC 391.006):
 - 1. Each member County Government shall have one Director who shall be an elected official appointed by the Commissioner's Court;
 - 2. Each member City Government with a population of 10,000 or more shall have three Directors who shall be elected officials appointed by the City Council;
 - 3. Each member City Government with a population of less than 10,000 shall have one Director who shall be an elected official appointed by the City Council;

4. Each member Community / Junior College District and School District shall be entitled to have one member on the Board of Directors who shall be appointed from their elected governing body, from the area described in Article III.B of these Bylaws;
5. Each member Special District shall be entitled to have one member on the Board of Directors who shall be appointed from their governing body, from the area described in Article III.B of these Bylaws;
6. Each member Authority shall be entitled to have one member on the Board of Directors who shall be appointed from their governing body of the Authority and shall be from the area described in Article III.B of these Bylaws.
7. All members of the Texas Legislature whose districts include all or part of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments' region shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member to serve on the Board of Directors.
8. Each Associate Member shall be entitled to have one member on the Board of Directors who shall be appointed from their governing body from the area described in Article III. F of these Bylaws

Executive Committee/Officers

	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Exec Tenure</u>	
	Judge, Bowie County	Honorable	Bobby Howell	Dec-19	
	Mayor, City of Hooks	Honorable	Marc Reiter	Jun-15	
	Judge, Cass County	Honorable	Travis Ransom	Sep-18	
	City, Cass County	Vacant			
	Judge, Delta County	Honorable	Jason Murray	Mar-15	Lack of attendance
	Mayor, City of Cooper	Honorable	Darren Braddy	Mar-18	Lack of attendance
Treasurer	Judge, Franklin County	Honorable	Scott Lee		
	City, Franklin County	Vacant			
	Judge, Hopkins County	Honorable	Robert Newsom	Jan-14	
	Mayor Pro Tem, City of Sulphur Springs	Honorable	John Sellers	Dec-19	
	Judge, Lamar County	Honorable	Brandon Bell	Mar-19	
	Councilman, City of Paris	Honorable	Mihir Pankaj	Dec-21	Lack of attendance
	Miller County	Vacant			
	City, Miller County	Vacant			
	Judge, Morris County	Honorable	Doug Reeder	Jan-19	
	City, Morris County	Vacant			
President	Judge, Red River County	Honorable	L.D. Williamson		Will retire
	Mayor, City of Clarksville	Honorable	Ann Rushing	Mar-01	
Vice-President	Judge, Titus County	Honorable	Brian Lee		Will retire
	City, Titus County	Vacant			
	TexAmericas Center	Mr.	Scott Norton	Dec-17	
	NETX Municipal Water District/Board	Mr.	Stan Wyatt	Dec-17	
	College/School or Associate Member	Vacant			

**Secretary - Vacant

Active Board Members

Councilman	Gary Spraggins	City of Sulphur Springs
Councilman	Harold Nash	City of Sulphur Springs
Councilwoman	Jean Matlock	City of Texarkana TX (Zoom and In Person)
Mayor	Lowell Walker	City of DeKalb
Mayor	Ron Humphry	City of New Boston (Zoom and In Person)
Mayor	Lynn Reynolds	City of Linden
Mr.	George Moore	Texarkana College (Zoom)
Mayor	Brad Hyman	City of Mt. Vernon

Active Executive Committee Members

Judge	Scott Lee	Franklin
Judge	Bobby Howell	Bowie
Judge	Robert Newsom	Hopkins
Judge	Brandon Bell	Lamar
Judge	Travis Ransom	Cass
Judge	Doug Reeder	Morris
Mayor	Marc Reiter	City of Hooks
Mayor	Ann Rushing	City of Clarksville
Mr.	Scott Norton	TexAmericas