



MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Public Meeting held in person and videoconference

On November 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. CT

Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127

Committee Members

Present/ (Absent)

Kelly Crook, Committee
Chair
Yuejiao Liu
(Leslie Pool)

Other Board Trustees

Present/ (Absent)

(Anthony Ross)
Diana Thomas
(Michael Granof)
Dick Lavine
Brad Sinclair
(Amy Hunter)
(Chris Noak)
(Michael Benson)

Others Present:

Staff

Christopher Hanson
Sarah McCleary
Russell Nash
Jenni Bonds
Mehrin Rahman
Yun Quintanilla
Teresa Cantu
Amy Kelley*
David Kushner

* Present telephonically

† Present via
videoconference

Guests

Paige Saenz, General
Counsel
Kevin Balaod,
WithIntelligence*

1 Call roll of Committee members

Committee Chair Kelly Crook called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m. The following Committee members were present in person: Crook and Liu.

2 Review order of business and establish meeting objectives

Committee Chair Crook reviewed the order of business and objectives with the Committee. There were no changes to the order of business for the meeting.

Committee Chair Crook asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak, either now or during an agenda item. There were no comments.

3 Consider approval of the June 15, 2023 Legislative Committee minutes

Committee Chair Crook asked Trustees to review the June 15, 2023 minutes.

Ms. Yuejiao Liu moved to approve the June 15, 2023 Legislative Committee minutes as revised. Committee Chair Crook seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

4 Discuss and consider governmental relations consultant

Mr. Christopher Hanson presented the review of HillCo to the Committee. Mr. Hanson reviewed the scope of service and fees, and discussed COAERS success during the 88th Legislative session, which he noted reflected the efforts of HillCo and Mr. Eddie Solis. Mr. Hanson also presented a draft governmental relations contract from HillCo, who had maintained a flat fee for consulting since 2018 then increased it during Session. He noted that the cost will decrease since that legislation is no longer pending.

Ms. Liu moved to refer the consulting agreement with HillCo to the Board for approval as presented. Ms. Crook seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

5 Review 2023 Committee Work Plan and discuss development of 2024 Committee Work Plan

Mr. Hanson noted that the Committee had completed all goals on the 2023 Work Plan except for the Interim Report, as the Legislature has ongoing special sessions. A draft of the 2024 Committee Work Plan was presented.

6 Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items

Committee Chair Crook summarized the actions taken and the information discussed during the meeting and asked for any future agenda items.

As there were no further items to address, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.