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## **Heart of Texas Council of Governments**

### **Law Enforcement Training Advisory Committee**

#### **Minutes**

October 11, 2024  
1514 S New Road, Waco TX  
10:00 a.m.

- I. Call to order.  
David Monthey called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
- II. Welcome and Introductions  
Introductions were made: New Members Alicia Wilson, and Larry Denman

#### Members Present

Jerry Wood	Shawna Myatt	David Drake
David Monthey	Mike Able	Christopher Henson
Alicia Wilson	Larry Denman	

#### Members Absent

Kirk Turner	Tina Lincoln	Jeremy Shipley
Rustin Qualls		

#### Ex-Officio Members Present

Lana Gudgel

#### Guests Present

Sarah Wines

- III. Determination of a quorum  
It was determined a quorum was present. 8 members being present meets the 51% requirement.

- IV. Proof of posting verified  
Lana Gudel verified the proof of posting.
- V. Receive public comment.  
None
- VI. Approval of April 19, 2024, meeting minutes.  
Jerry Wood made a motion to approve the April 19, 2024, David Drake seconded the motion.  
The motion passed.
- VII. Receive the Training Coordinator's report.

Lana reviewed the training budget with the members noting that the training grant will be closing August 31, 2025, and the ending balance with the current schedule will be \$640.00, however that money will be used before the end of the grant.

Lana explained that the amount awarded for the Law Enforcement Training program by the OOG has not been increased in several years and there has been some discussion regarding this with the OOG, however, it does not appear that there will be any increase in the amount of the award in the coming year. Because of the limited amount of money awarded in the two-year grant the pay for instructors is very low. The low pay has made it difficult to get new instructors as the current instructors are moving towards retirement. Lana proposed that the amount the program currently pays for the two most popular 40-hour classes should be raised from \$1080.00 to \$1280.00 in 2025. These classes have seen curriculum updates and require a lot of preparation and work to present. With this increase Lana would like to raise the out of region fees from \$50.00 to \$75.00 in 2025. Lana explained that the out of region fees have not been increased since 2013. The \$25.00 increase will still put the cost of the HOTCOG training far below what other training providers are charging per person. The out of region fees put money back into the program and help to offset the cost for instructor fees. Lana believes that it will have little effect on the number of out of region attendees in the 40 our classes currently being offered. The Intermediate Crime Scene and Crisis Intervention classes are in high demand and always have a waitlist. In region attendees take precedence over any out of region attendees. The other high demand classes are the Basic Instructor and the Advanced Instructor, both of which are taught by Lana and cost the program no money. Most of the out of region fees collected in the last fiscal year have been for those classes. David Drake made a motion to raise the out of region fees from \$50.00 to \$75.00, Mike Abel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- VIII. Receive the committee's recommendations. Take action, if necessary.

New Members Alicia Wilson, and Larry Denman, both have completed the necessary paperwork and have been approved by Russell Devorsky. Vice Chair David Monthey called for a motion to approve the addition of Alicia Wilson and Larry Denman. David Drake made a motion to approve the appointment of Alicia Wilson and Larry Denman at new board members. Jerry Wood seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- IX. Announcements or Future Business Items  
Lana announced that the HOTCOG Law Enforcement Training Program has won the National 2024 NADO, Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award. The addition of the mobile training program was the part that has set the HOTCOG training program apart from the other programs nationwide. Lana will be traveling to New Orleans October 20-24, 2024, to accept the award on behalf of the Heart of Texas Council of Government Law Enforcement Training Program.

**X.** Determine and approve the next meeting date:

April 11, 2025

**XI.** Adjournment

Mike Abel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20, Larry Denman seconded the motion.

The motion carried meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

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Chair, Tina Lincoln

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Date