



**MINUTES**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Public Meeting held in person and videoconference

On June 15, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. CT

Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127 – COVID-19 circumstances

**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  
Jenni Bonds  
Mehrin Rahman  
Yun Quintanilla  
Teresa Cantu  
Amy Kelley\*  
David Kushner

\*Present telephonically

† Present via  
videoconference

*Guests*

Paige Saenz, General  
Counsel\*  
Eddie Solis, HillCo\*  
Lewis Ward, GRS

**1 Call roll of Committee members**

Committee Chair Kelly Crook called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. The following Committee members were present in person: Crook and Pool.

**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 February 24, 2023 Legislative Committee minutes**

Committee Chair Crook asked Trustees to review the February 24, 2023 minutes. Ms.

Leslie Pool moved to approve the February 24, 2023 Legislative Committee minutes as revised. Committee Chair Crook seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

**4 Discuss and consider 88th Legislative Session including:**  
**A. COAERS/City of Austin pension legislation**  
**B. Other legislation impacting COAERS**

*Mr. Michael Benson arrived at 12:42 p.m.*

*Mr. Anthony Ross arrived at 12:53 p.m.*

Mr. Christopher Hanson reported on S.B. 1444, which was signed into law on May 29. He also reported that another bill COAERS had been closely watching did not pass. Mr. Hanson thanked the members of the City working group, the Board, the bill sponsors, and others who helped in the process to pass S.B. 1444.

**5 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 1:00 p.m.

**These minutes were approved at the November 9, 2023 Legislative Committee meeting.**