



**UMANT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2023

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Virtual

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Meeting called to order: 2:02pm

**Present:**

<b>Officers</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Imelda Speck (President) <input type="checkbox"/> Lauren Williams (Treasury) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jared DeVries (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brett Cast (Vice)
	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Members</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maya Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Haley Alsbrook
<b>Membership</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Emma Crotty	<input type="checkbox"/> Chloe Sawatzky
<b>Networking &amp; Mentorship</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brittney Huff	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Baggett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Milenka Lopez <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Luxton
<b>Professional Development</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Ayoub Kahondogoro <input type="checkbox"/> Kumar Gali
<b>Special Events</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Cao <input type="checkbox"/> Tesla Harlan	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Hammons <input type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Winarski
<b>Other UMANT Members</b>	David Reedy	

1. Approval of the June 2, 2023 UMANT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tony to approve the June 2, 2023 UMANT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by David, vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

## 2. Committee Updates

### a. Networking & Mentorship

Milenka Lopez provided the update for the Networking & Mentorship Committee. The Mentorship Program has opened with sign-ups for both mentors and mentees. Pairs will be established through September. Deadline for mentorship program may be extended after reviewing participation. UTD MPA Orientation is Wednesday Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, and UNT MPA Orientation is Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. Hops and Headshots has been postponed as a fall event.

### b. Professional Development

Elizabeth Johnson provided updates for the Professional Development Committee. The July 27<sup>th</sup> Lunch and Learn on Government Relations (in collaboration with UMACT) was well attended at 28 participants. The next Lunch and Learn event on Workforce Management will be Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The November L&L will be in November. The rescheduled Trends and Tours will be Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> with Plano Fire.

### c. Membership & Partnerships

No new update was provided for the Membership & Partnerships Committee.

### d. Communications

Maya Williams provided the update for Communications Committee. Work is continuing on promoting upcoming events as well as sending out email and marketing blasts for events.

### e. Special Events

Tony Cao provided an update for the Special Events Committee. The NFBPA NTX Chapter has reached out to partner with UMANT for a combined One-Day/North Texas Leadership Symposium at the Botanical Gardens in Fort Worth October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Brittney Huff spoke more on the opportunity that this event would provide for both organizations and that the event-planning committee will be meeting every Friday until the event. Tony stated that both organizations are very early on in the planning stages. Brittney stated that profit sharing would be 50/50 or be put into a scholarship fund. Brett shared that he had concerns with how UMANT's purpose would be carried out through a joint event. Brittney assured that this event would not replace the One-Day Conference in perpetuity. Elizabeth and Maya emphasized that there can be a synergy with both organizations working together. Brett acknowledged the difficulty for consensus with Lauren and Imelda out and will update them and reach out for their input. The membership acknowledged that given the situation, it calls to proceed carefully to ensure event success.

## 3. General meeting items

### -ICMA Annual Conference

ICMA will be held September 30-October 4<sup>th</sup> in Austin, Texas. The ICMA Annual Conference is an opportunity to connect and gain knowledge and expertise from experts and seasoned managers in the profession.

### -Scholarship/Capital One Update

Brett gave an update on the William J. Pitstick Scholarship. The Scholarship will open August 9<sup>th</sup> and will close September 29<sup>th</sup>, so that awardees will be reviewed and then announced at the One-Day Conference in October.

Jared and Lauren have been coordinating to assume control of a recently known Capital One savings account connected to the scholarship fund that contains \$55,000.

#### 4. Acknowledgements

Jared DeVries recently got married June 25<sup>th</sup> to Payton DeVries.

Brett Cast has closed on a new house and has recently accepted a position as Assistant Director of Public Works at the City of West University Place.

Milenka Lopez shared that the City of Southlake is opening up a new pickleball facility in the fall.

#### 5. Future agenda item requests

Next Meeting: Friday, September 1, 2023

Notes:

Meeting adjourned 3:08pm