

**MINUTES
GWCCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 20, 2014
GWCC Sales & Event Services Board Room
11:30 a.m.**

Committee Members Present:

David Allman
Glenn Hicks, Member at Large
Lee Hunter
Tim Lowe, Chair
Bill Rice, Member at Large
Bill Russell

GWCCA Staff:

Dale Aiken
Kevin Duvall
Lindsay Perdue
Frank Poe
Sherrie Spinks

Committee Members Absent:

None

Guest:

Pargen Robertson, Owen Gleaton

Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 2014 meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the April 4, 2014 GWCCA Executive Committee meeting minutes was made by David Allman, seconded by Glenn Hicks, and unanimously approved.

STRATEGIC POLICY ADVISOR

Troutman Sanders Strategies contract expires July 12, 2014. Staff requested guidance from the Committee on how to proceed, once the contract runs out, with receiving legislative support for the Board and the Authority over the next few years.

There are three options the Authority can take.

- Let the contract expire and do nothing;
- Extend the contract; or
- Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) and put the contract out to bid.

Staff met recently with Troutman Sanders to review issues on the Authority's horizon, which include:

- Two new parking decks;
- Proposed hotel;
- Park visioning; and
- GWCC capital improvements.

Staff feels Troutman Sanders Strategies compliments the Authority's Director of Government Relations and thinks it would be in the Authority's best interest to consider renewing their contract. It would benefit the Authority for them to continue to be a part of our team as we advance our issues. Therefore, staff recommends renewing the contract as this falls within the parameters of current policy.

Chair Lowe asked for a motion to renew Troutman Sanders Strategies contract.

A motion authorizing the Executive Director to move forward with renewing Troutman Sanders Strategies Agreement, was made by Glenn Hicks, seconded by David Allman, and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Dale Aiken, Assistant Secretary

Tim Lowe, Chair