

August 15, 2025

Dear Region 14 Members,

We're reaching out with an exciting opportunity for you and your city's leadership. The TX Health Benefits Pool – the *only* benefit plan in Texas created specifically for municipalities and governed by city leaders – has an upcoming **vacancy on our Board of Trustees for Region 14**. This is your chance to make a real difference!

Why join the TX Health Benefits Pool Board:

- **Influence**: Guide decisions that directly impact the health benefits of local government employees across Texas
- Networking: Connect with city leaders from across the state
- **Professional Development:** Gain valuable experience in governance, healthcare and employee benefits
- **Support Your Community:** Ensure your region's voice is heard in critical health benefit decisions

What we're looking for:

- Passion for local government
- Fresh perspectives on municipal needs
- A commitment to serving your fellow members of the Pool

No healthcare expertise? No problem! We provide comprehensive training. Your local government experience is what truly matters.

Key Trustee Details:

- Usually, 4 meetings per year in various Texas locations
- All travel, lodging and meal expenses covered when attending Board meetings
- Term expires September 30, 2029 (eligible for additional 4-year terms)
- Open to elected officials or appointed officials (department head or higher) from a municipality that is a member of the Pool

Ready to step up? Here's how to apply:

- Secure a nomination from your city council
- Submit your resume or experience summary
- Send both to Jennifer Hoff at jennifer.hoff@TXHB.gov
- Deadline: September 12, 2025

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Questions?

Don't hesitate to reach out to our Executive Director, Jennifer Hoff at <u>Jennifer.hoff@txhb.gov</u> or 512-650-0072. I am also happy to answer any questions.

Join us in shaping the future of municipal health benefits in Texas. Your region's voice matters – make it heard!

Kind regards,

Lew White, DDS

Mayor, City of Lockhart

Chair, Nominating Committee, TX Health Benefits Pool

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