

**Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce
Public Policy Committee Meeting
Dallas School District Office Board Room
Minutes from Thursday February 1, 2018**

1. Voting members Present: Paul Trahan, Lavonne Wilson, Nancie Rogers
Mike Barker.
2. Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM by Chairman Gene Henshaw.
3. Guest Speakers were: Greg Hansen, Polk County Administrator,
Greg Ellis Interim Dallas City Manager, and Scott Whyte, Dallas
City Planner.
4. Mr. Hansen expressed concern over HB4086 which would require
counties to establish "in house" building inspectors rather than
out sourcing which is what Polk County currently does. As always
PERS issues need to be addressed. A bond issue for 9.7 million for
county facilities will be on the May 15th ballot which would result
in a property tax increase of about 11 cents per thousand.
5. Greg Ellis reported that the Legislature may require that the transit
and lodging tax apply to AB&B's. PERS related contributions are
projected to be 30% of payroll by 2023. Economic development
incentives may apply for electronic commerce.
6. Scott Whyte discussed an amendment to the Historic Preservation
Code. Greg and Scot lead a discussion relative to the location of the
new senior center. Carnegie location is not ideal, but it was hard to
find an alternative.
7. Monte Wiens requested an update on improvements to Godsey Rd.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:07PM.

Gene Henshaw, Chairman and acting Secretary.