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TMRS Governmental Relations



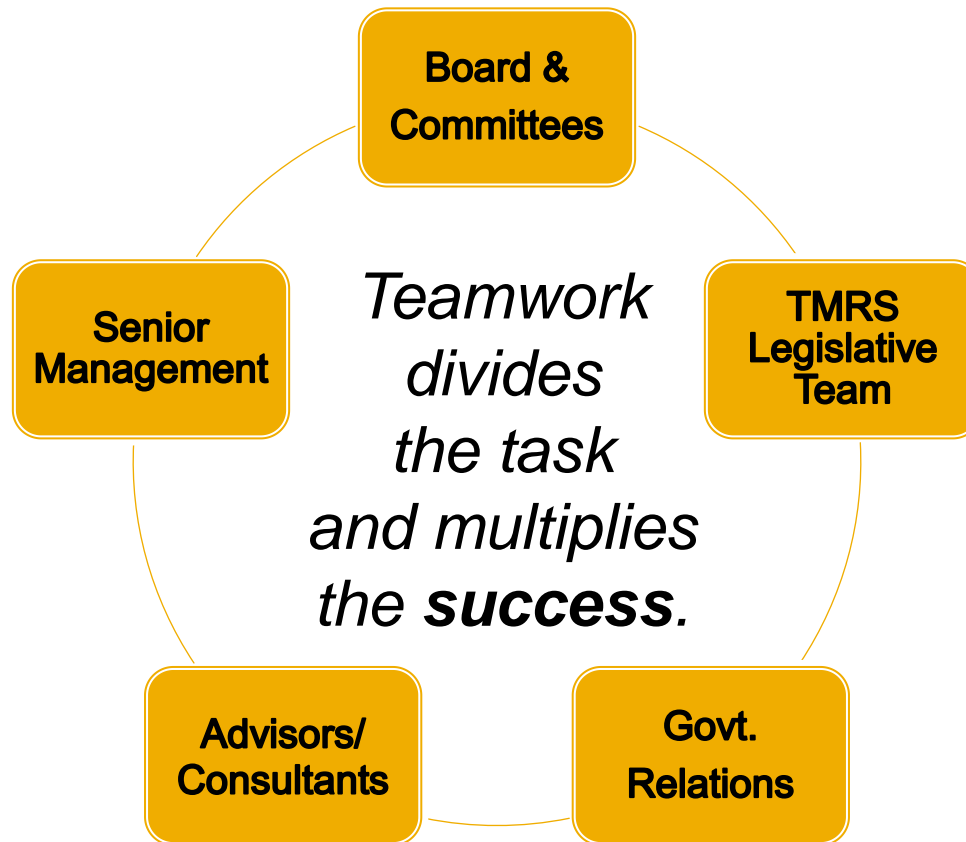
Governmental Relations

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Governmental Relations Team

- Stacy White – Executive Assistant
 - Public pension experience with Employees Retirement System of Texas
 - Supports Executive Director as needed
- Dan Wattles – Director of Governmental Relations
 - U.S. Navy
 - Legislative experience in Wisconsin, Arizona, and California
 - Governmental relations for Texas State Auditor's Office, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and Texas Department of Commerce
 - Certified Public Manager

Governmental Relations Team



Areas of Responsibility

- **Coordination with Texas Legislature**
 - Coordinate internal legislative team
 - Monitor and track legislation
 - Prepare bill language, amendments, and cost estimates
 - Prepare legislative presentations and testimony
 - Attend Legislative and Interim Hearings
 - Research and prepare legislative reports
 - Respond to legislative requests

Areas of Responsibility

- Liaison with other government and pension related entities
 - Texas Governor's Office
 - U.S. Congress
 - Pension Review Board
 - Other State and Local Pension Plans
 - State and National Associations
 - Employee and Employer Associations

Areas of Responsibility

- Board-related Activities
 - Advisory Committee Coordination
 - Coordinate Advisory Committee meetings/content
 - Administer Committee member nominations
 - Conduct surveys and other research
 - Legislative Committee
 - Board and Committee Appointments
 - Minimum Education Training (MET) Program Compliance

Accomplishments

- Three successful legislative sessions
- SB 350 passage (fund restructuring)
- Board Minimum Education Training compliance
- Legislative District Reports
- Surveys (e.g., city social security participation, NASRA and NCPERS)

Upcoming Activities

- 85th Texas Legislative Session
(Jan. 10, 2017 through May 29, 2017)
- Legislative Agenda
- Draft Legislation
- Board Resolution for Legislative and
Regulatory Matters
- Legislative Committee Charter

Questions and Answers

