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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
Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.
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