

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Item 15.4
Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
October 17-18, 2022

Consider Approval of Work Plan for 2024 Official Texas Historical Markers

Recommendations for 2024: For new historical markers to be considered for calendar year 2024, staff recommends application period dates of **March 1 – May 15, 2024**. This will allow sufficient time to evaluate applications before the July 2024 quarterly meeting. Staff recommends the following thematic priorities for 2024: **Civil Rights; Education; and Social & Cultural History**. Topics addressing these themes will receive additional points when new applications are scored. Staff recommends approving and processing no more than **170** new applications and no more than **15** markers produced through the Undertold marker program (accumulated Marker Application Funds). The total of no more than **185** historical markers in calendar year 2024 shall proceed by the following work plan schedule:

INTERNAL THC DATES		EXTERNAL CHC/SPONSOR DATES	
Jan. 2024	Marker applications posted to website	Mar. 1 – May 15, 2024	Application period for new markers (due May 15 at 2 pm CDT)
		May 15, 2024	\$100 fee benefiting Undertold markers (postmarked due date)
Mar. 1 – May 31, 2024	Staff processes and scores all applications		
		May 17-31, 2024	Public comment period for new topics (posted on website)
		May 29, 2024	Final day to submit missing or deficient components
May 2024	RTHL Meeting with DOA staff and scoring meeting with DDs, Admin staff		
Jul. 2024	Commissioners review 2024 marker topics at quarterly meeting		
By Aug. 4, 2024	Staff sends out payment vouchers to recommended topics	Sep. 18, 2024	Marker fee due for all marker applications (postmarked due date)
Oct. 2024	Commissioners select application dates, priority themes and number of markers to be processed for 2026		
Oct. 2024 – Feb. 2025	Staff schedules workshops and webinars (as resources allow) on marker applications and other topics		
		Oct. 1 – Nov. 15, 2024	Application period for Undertold markers

Recommended motion (Committee): Move that the committee send forward to the Commission and recommend approval of staff recommendations for qualified Official Texas Historical Marker applications and adoption of a work plan to complete no more than 185 new historical markers in calendar year 2024.

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