Mickey Leland Environmental Internship Program (MLEIP)
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2011

Members Present
Debbie Boyle, Brandi Harrison, L'Oreal Stepney, Leonard Spearman, Melvin Wrenn, Melissa Applegate, Grant Cottington

Also Present
Juanita Baldwin, Recruitment and Internship Coordinator, TCEQ

Members Absent
James DeShaw PhD, Debbie Mamula-Hastings

Convening of Meeting
Debbie Boyle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Minutes for June 17, 2011 MLEIP Advisory Committee meeting were reviewed and approved.

Open Discussion
Debbie Boyle debriefed members on annual intern conference which was held on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at TCEQ Central Offices, Park 35, Austin. Board members who participated were satisfied with the organization of the event and intern involvement, particularly the group activity that focused on Mickey Leland's passion and mission.

New Business
Debbie Boyle reported that Dr. Peter Rogers, Ph.D. contacted MLEIP to request that interns be placed with rural water and wastewater utilities associated with the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA). Debbie will contact Dr. Rogers to invite him to join the Advisory Board to assist with sponsor outreach. Board members discussed ways to re-involve industry sponsors in the program, including outreach to professional organizations. Focus is to increase number of intern assignments/placements for summer 2012. Former TCEQ Commissioner Ralph Marquez and former TCEQ Chairman John Hall are being contacted by board members to enlist their assistance with sponsor outreach.

Juanita Baldwin reported that current MLEIP fund balance is $5,800.77. Next board meeting will include a discussion of 2012 intern conference in order to identify venue.

Adjourn
The next meeting will be a conference call scheduled for December 8, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by Debbie Boyle.