

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



**AGENDA**

**MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Notice is hereby provided that the LRGVDC Board of Directors will hold a Regular

IN-PERSON & Via GoTo Meeting at 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas

**Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 12:00 P.M**

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Presiding: Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza, President

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**Item #1: Call to Order**

- A. Roll Call
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

**Item #2:** Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve September 24, 2025, Minutes.....President

**Item #3: Public Comment**

**Item #4: Administration.....Manuel Cruz**  
**Executive Director**

1. Ratification of Executive Committee **ACTION** on approving a Participation Agreement between the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) as detailed in the Plan Agreement, pursuant to section 391.005(b) (4)(B) of the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 391 Regional Planning Commissions, with an effective date January 1, 2026.
2. Ratification of Executive Committee **ACTION** on approval and adoption of the revised LRGVDC Procurement and Procedures Manual, Version 3, revised as of October 2025.
3. Ratification of Executive Committee **ACTION** to approve the Recommendation to obtain the GUIDE Contract, which will generate a new, sustainable revenue stream and support caregivers of Medicare participants living with Alzheimer's and Dementia through comprehensive respite services, education and care navigation.
4. Ratification of Executive Committee **ACTION** to approve the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Policies, Procedures, and Scoring Criteria for FY2026-2027 Grant Cycle.
5. Ratification of Executive Committee **ACTION** to approve the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Bylaws and Membership Roster for FY2026-2027 Grant Cycle.
6. Ratification of Executive Committee **ACTION** to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Policies, and Procedures and scoring Criteria for FY 2026-2027 Grant Cycle.
7. Ratification of Executive Committee **ACTION** to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Bylaws and Membership Roster for FY 2026-2027 Grant Cycle.
8. Ratification of Executive Committee **ACTION** to approve entering into a Building lease agreement between the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) – Valley Metro for the Edinburg Transit Terminal 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.
9. Consideration and **ACTION** to Adopt Annual Investment Policy and Accept Quarterly Investment Report
10. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Revisions to the LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual, including updates related to the New Retirement System and additional Administrative Policy amendments.
11. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve award and enter into agreement with Total Lawn Care (TLC) for Lawn and Landscapes Services.
12. Consideration and **ACTION** on Date & Time for Annual Report, Budget Committee and State of the COG.
13. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule.
14. Consideration and **ACTION** to Appoint Board Designee and Alternate to Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC).

**B. Executive Director Report**

1. Introduction of New Staff Members
2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Training, and Legislation

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development .....Melisa Gonzalez-Rosas  
Director

- 1. Consideration and ACTION to approve amending the Economic Development Advisory committee (EDAC) Bylaws, under Article IV: Membership.
- 2. Consideration and ACTION for approval for LRGVDC to accept Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rider PM 2.5 Local Air Quality 2026-2027 grant funds.
- 3. Consideration and ACTION to approve amending the Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) Bylaws, under Article IV: Membership, Sections D, E & F.
- 4. Consideration and ACTION to approve Regional Small Cities (RSCC) Elections of Officers for 2026. As per the RSCC Bylaws, the Advisory Committee shall consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary.
- 5. Consideration and ACTION to submit a funding application for the Texas Regional Broadband Program (TRBP).

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration
- Regional Small Cities Coalition
- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund
- Solid Waste Management Program
- Water Quality Program
- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee
- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
- Reservoir Levels

B. Health & Human Services.....Margarita Lopez  
Director

Program Status Reports

- Direct Consumer Services
- Care Coordination Services
- Senior Subrecipient & Senior Center Operations
- Home Delivered and Congregate Meal Program
- Special Services
- Care Transition Program
- Ombudsman Program
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- Housing Navigator
- Special Initiatives Report & Information Referral and Assistance

C. Public Safety

C.1.A. Emergency Services Criminal Justice & Homeland Security.....Cesar Merla  
Director

Program Status Reports

- Committee Meetings: Criminal Justice, Homeland Security and Regional Response Group
- Local Emergency Safety & Planning Meeting within Cameron and Hidalgo Counties.
- Communication with Regional Preparedness with State Counterparts.

C.1.B. Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District.....Cesar Merla  
Director

Program Status Reports

- GIS Division
- 9-1-1 Information Technology
- Community Engagement Division

C.2. Police Academy Program.....Javier Solis  
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an interlocal agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy and the Willacy County Sheriff's office for reporting the TCOLE training for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office, and with approval to have LRGVDC Executive Director, Manuel Cruz, sign and finalize the agreement.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to ratify the appointment of Police Chief Mark Perez, Police Chief Josue Trevino, and Cameron County Emergency Management Director Tom Huchen to the LRGV Academy Advisory Board.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to have the LRGVDC Executive Board appoint Willacy County Precinct 4 Commissioner Ernesto Garcia, to serve on the LRGV Academy Advisory Board as LRGVDC Executive Board Representative.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve amendments to the LRGV Academy Cadet Rules, Policies and Procedures Manual to include a section on United States Veteran Benefits.

Program Status Reports

- Inservice Courses
- Officers Trained
- Contact Hours

D. Transportation

Valley Metro.....Rene Garza  
Supervisor

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the updated Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for Valley Metro.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve contract award for Bulk Diesel, DEF and Fluids for LRGVDC Valley Metro Transit Operations.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve award and enter contract with the highest-ranked proposer resulting from the evaluation of responses to RFP No.2025-07, LRGVDC Valley Metro 5-year Regional Public Transit Coordination Plan.

4. Discussion and **ACTION** to approve on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Inactive Grant and Scope Revision.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO.....Michael Medina  
Executive Director

RGVMPO Status Reports

**Item #6 New & Unfinished Business**

**Item #7 Adjourn**

**Next Meeting  
January 28, 2025**

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than those numbered above. The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council reserves the right to adjourn into an Executive (Closed) session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapters 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.075, Texas Government Code. No final action will be taken in the Executive Session.

**PUBLIC INPUT POLICY:**

At the beginning of each LRGVDC meeting, the LRGVDC will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour, and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must sign up to do so, before the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public with an opportunity to address issues or topics under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics that are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, LRGVDC members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on the posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered , and the same 3mins.