

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby provided that the LRGVDC Board of Directors will hold a Regular IN-PERSON Meeting on

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 12:00 P.M

at 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas and provide the public with the ability to view the meeting via Internet

Live-streaming at: [LRGVDC COG - YouTube](#)

Presiding: Mayor Norma Sepulveda, President

Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve February 26 Meeting Minutes.....President

Item #3: Public Comment

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

A. Consideration **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee **ACTION** on the following item.

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Prioritized Lists and Resolution for FY 2025-26 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications.

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
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution 2025-01 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month and Supporting the Awareness of Fair Housing.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the LRGVDC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

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

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Vendor Arise Home Health Care, Inc. request to Amend contract Rates from \$12.59 to \$15.59 per hour.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Vendor A Healing Touch Home Health request to Amend Contract Rates. The agency proposes adjusting the homemaker service rate from \$17.50 to \$15.00 and the caregiver respite rate from \$18.50 to \$15.00.

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 & Assistance

C. Public Safety.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security..... Cesar Merla
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Appointed Frank Garcia Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Member.

Program Status Reports

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

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Utilization of LRGV Academy GPI funds in the amount of \$54,858.00 for the purpose of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado.

Program Status Reports_

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District..... Dennis Moreno
Assistant Director

Program Status Reports

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

D. Transportation Valley Metro.....Tom Logan
Director

- 1. Discussion and **ACTION** on approval of Resolution #2025-03, authorizing the acceptance of MCI Coach Buses to be transferred from Green Mountain Transit.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Expansion and Renovation expenses in relation to TX-2010-125, Harlingen Cares Act at 100% Federal funding with no local match.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report Michael Medina
Executive Director

Item #6 New or Unfinished Business

Item #7 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

12:00 Noon

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 posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered, and the same 3 minutes