

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

301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 12:00 P.M

Provide the public with the ability to view the meeting via the 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 April 30, 2025, Meeting MinutesPresident

Item #3: Public Comment

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

A. Consideration and ACTION on Recommendations from Nominating
Committee.....President

- 1. Selection of (5) Persons for election as Members-at-Large to the general Membership
- 2. Selection of Three (3) At-Large members to be elected to the 2025-2026 Board of Directors.

B. Consideration of the RATIFICATION of Executive Committee ACTION on the following
item.....Manuel Cruz.
Executive Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Overhaul of Vehicles under TXDOT Section 5539-Rural Bus and Bus facilities Program approved Grant 5539-R-2024 LRGVDC -00029 for LRGVDC Valley Metro.

C. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the LRGVDC to Participate in the AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program and Authorize for the LRGVDC Executive Director to Execute Agreement.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

D. Consideration and **ACTION** to Review, Discuss, and Approve to Accept the Request from Mr. Jim Darling, General Manager/President of the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) to Transfer the RGRWA Upon Meeting Compliance Standards to the LRGVDC as its Fiscal Agent and Execute Any Applicable Management Agreement.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

E. 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
Assistant Director

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 the Letter of Support on behalf of the LRGVDC Board of Directors for Congressional Offices addressing the proposed FY 2026 Federal Budget impacts to Older Americans Act Programs.

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

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.

Police Academy ProgramJavier Solis
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve an MOU between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the County of Hidalgo, Texas to accept the transfer of sixteen level4 ballistic vests from the Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 office to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve an MOU between the Lower Rio Grande Development Council and the County of Hidalgo, Texas to accept the transfer of two 2016 Dodge Ram Police Vehicles from Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 Office to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy.

Program Status Reports

- Inservice Courses
- Officers Trained
- Contact Hours

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. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy. Revisions have been made in accordance with the Executive Order to align with current federal definition and requirements.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Michael Medina
Executive Director

RGVMPO Status Reports

- May 2025 STIP Revision Cycle Updates

Item #6 New & Unfinished Business

Item #7 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, June 25, 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 the posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered, and the same 3minute