

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Notice is hereby provided that the LRGVDC Board of Directors will hold a
Regular IN-PERSON Meeting at 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas

WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2026, at 12:00 P.M

Provide the public with the ability to view the meeting via the

Internet Live streaming at: [LRGVDC COG](#)

Presiding: Judge Aurelio Guerra, President

Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Meeting Minutes August 26, 2026President

Item #3: Public Comment

Item #4: Administration Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

1. Presentation on Texas Demographic Center.....Monica Cruz
State Data Center Lead

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a Washington Cooptative Contract Usage Agreement with the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Agreement.

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Harris County Department of Education for Participation in the Choice Partners Cooperative Purchasing and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Agreement.

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Resolution #2026-19 Authorizing the LRGVDC Executive Director to execute a resolution appointing and alternate, Crystal Balboa, Director to the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board.

B.Executive Director Reports

- 1. Introduction of New Staff Members
- 2. 2027 LRGVDC State of the COG Address: Event Announcement and Regional Recognition Award Nomination Process.
- 3. 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 Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) for the Air Quality Program between LRGVDC and the City of San Benito.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) for the Air Quality Program between LRGVDC and the Delta Lake Irrigation District.

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration
- Regional Small Cities Coalition
- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund
- Air Quality
- South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4)
- 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 continued services of Maria Connie Garza as Chairperson and Kendra Stine as Vice-Chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Council, in accordance with Article VI (Officers) and Article V, Section 4 of the Rules of function.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an amendment to Article VI (Officers) of the Citizens Advisory Council Rules of function to change the term of office for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from one (1) year to two (2) years.

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)
- Special Initiatives Report & Information Referral and Assistance

C. Public Safety

C.1.A. Emergency Services, Criminal Justice & Homeland SecurityCesar Merla
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Resolution for FY 2027-28 Non-Profit Security Grant application titled Regional Planning and Security.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Resolution for FY 2027-28 Homeland Security Program Grant application titled Regional Planning.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Resolution for FY 2027-28 State Homeland Security Program Grant application titled Regional Fire Academy Training Coordinator.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Resolution for FY 2027-28 Criminal Justice Assistance Program Grant application titled Regional Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance.

Program Status Reports

- 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
- 9-1-1Information Technology
- CommunityEngagement Division

C. 2. PoliceAcademyProgramJavier Solis
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Alton, Texas and LRGV Academy for the purpose of reporting training for Alton Police Department.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Hidalgo, Texas and the LRGV Academy for the purpose of reporting training for the Hidalgo county Constable Precinct 2 office.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement between the LRGV Academy and City of La Joya, Texas for the usage of La Joya Police Department's shooting range.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement Between the LRGV Academy and the City of Donna, Texas for the usage of the Donna Police Department's shooting range.

Program Status Reports

- Officers Certified
- Courses Taught
- Contact Hours

D. Transportation

Valley MetroDr. Sandra Carrizales
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Software Subscription Renewal for LRGVDC Valley Metro of the Genfare LLC software subscription to maintain continued access to fare-collection date, reporting, system management, and related services.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the repair of UNIT 2203, exceeding procurement threshold.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize LRGVDC Valley Metro's participation as a partner with Hidalgo County Community Service Agency (HCCSA) in its Community Rides grant application for funding of up to \$100,000 including authorization to execute a Letter of Commitment.

Program Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Michael Medina
Executive Director

Program Status Reports

Item #6: New & Unfinished Business

Item #7: Adjourn

**Next Meeting
October 28, 2026**

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 agenda posted for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on the posted agenda as items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered, and the same 3mins.