President Norma G. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked Ms. Debby Morales to call roll. Upon conclusion of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum of the Board was present. President Garcia then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval RE: July 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes. **Mayor David Simmons made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes President Garcia moved to item 3.A. - Public Comments and recognized the following individuals:

- Ms. Reyes Guerra, citizen of Mission, informed the Board of difficulties with the current scheduling of the Los Ebanos bus route.
- Ms. Lydia Jeffrey, citizen of Mission, spoke about a petition being circulated regarding issues with the bus routes in the Mission area.
- Ms. Stephanie Rollins, Cameron County Children's Advocacy Center, expressed concerns regarding the Advocacy Center's grant funding ranking and requested the point of contact regarding the subcommittee who determines that ranking.
- Mr. Gilbert Ortiz introduced Mr. Jose "Pepe" De Alba, the new Director for Texas Gas Service.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments the President moved to item 3.B. – Update from Legislative Delegation and recognized:

- State Representative Armando “Mando” Martinez. Rep. Martinez gave an update on the recent legislative session regarding the progress of creating a medical school in the Valley and stated that the creation of a Regional Transit Authority will be taken back to the next legislative session for consideration.

- Julian Alvarez, President of the Valley Partnership was recognized and presented the "Rio Grande Valley Economic Development Guide" and distributed copies of it to the Board and audience members. He stated that the purpose of this guide is to positively promote the Rio Grande Valley to businesses who may want to establish facilities here.

- Mayor Steve Brewer was recognized and gave a report on the recent National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Annual Conference and informed the Board that eight of ten new innovations presented at the conference were on how to work together regionally, which reinforces the need for the tri-county area to think regionally in order to grow and prosper.

President Garcia then moved to item 3.C. – Presentation of 2012 Annual Audit and recognized Mr. Javier Campos, CPA with Oscar R. Gonzalez, CPA & Associates. Mr. Campos stated that there were no findings
to report. *Mayor David Salinas made a motion to approve the 2012 Annual Audit as presented. Mayor Pro-temp Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

Upon conclusion of Administration items President Garcia moved to item 4. – Regional Police Academy and Training Center Report and recognized Mr. Paul Williams. Mr. Williams noted that the status report was in the Board folders and thanked the Regional Planning Department for their coordination on the Litter Enforcement and Abatement program for local law enforcement officers. The course was offered free of charge and attendees earned six hours of continuing education credits.

President Garcia next moved to item 5. - Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Mr. Joe Gonzalez. Regarding item 5.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: FY 2014 Funding Recommendations for the Area Agency on Aging Services. *Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion for approval of the FY 2014 funding recommendations for the Area Agency on Aging services as presented. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

The President next moved to item 5.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: FY 2014 Vendor List for Direct Purchased Services. Mr. Gonzalez noted that these vendors would be utilized by Case Management staff to purchase services for their clients. *Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval of the 2014 Vendor List for Direct Purchased Services as presented. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

Upon conclusion of action President Garcia moved to item 5.B. – Act Upon Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) Governance Committee Recommendations, item 1. – Consider Approval RE: Selection of Officers. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the CCTP Governance Committee recommends Ms. Dora Vela, Doctors’ Hospital at Renaissance, as Committee Chair and Ms. Kathleen Mowery, Mission Regional Medical Center, as Vice Chair. *Mayor Tony Martinez made a motion to approve the selection of Ms. Dora Vela as Chair and Ms. Kathleen Mowery as Vice Chair of the CCTP Governance Committee as recommended. Mayor Pro-temp Armando Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

President Garcia next moved to item 5.B.2. – Consider Approval RE: Amending Loopback Analytics Platform Agreement. Mr. Gonzalez stated that this amendment would increase the rate from $13.36 per eligible discharge to $27.72. This increase would provide funds to hire a full-time clinician to work on the Post-Acute Care (PAC) side of the program. The PAC is the part of the program that includes the skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation centers, home health agencies and the long-term acute care centers. The main activities are introducing and implementing evidence-based practices with these providers in order to reduce their hospital readmission. *Commissioner Jerry Tafolla made a motion to approve amending Loopback Analytics’ platform agreement as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

The President next moved to item 5.B.3. – Consider Approval RE: Amending the Business Associate Agreement with South Texas Health Systems. Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the purpose of this amendment is to meet current requirements regarding changes to the HIPPA law. Hospital representatives at the committee meeting indicated that they would also submit individual amendments in order to be in compliance with these new requirements. *Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval to amend the Business Associate Agreement with South Texas Health Systems as presented. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.* Mayor Pro-temp Armando Garza asked if legal counsel reviewed contracts and/or agreements prior to them being presented to the Board for consideration and expressed concern regarding potential repercussions if they were not. Mayor Chris Boswell requested staff review the current policy on contracts/agreements and report what the standard practice is at the next meeting. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez gave a status report on
the Annual Aging and Disability Resource Partnership Information Conference.

President Garcia next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and noted that Item 6.A.1. - Preview of Rio Grande Valley Partnership’s “Rio Grande Valley Economic Development Guide” had been presented under Public Comments and that Item 6.B.1. - Status of Building Construction Training Workshops was in the Board folders for review.

The President then moved to item 7. - Report from Transportation Department and recognized Mr. Tom Logan. Regarding item 7.A.1. - Consider Approval RE: Resolution of Support for Transportation Development Credits Mr. Logan informed the Board that the Texas Transportation Commission awards Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) for transportation projects throughout the state. These credits can serve as a match for federal funds in cases where a local match may not be available. Staff recommends approval of this resolution in order to request funds from the Commission to serve as a local match for capital projects, including the acquisition of vehicles. If approved, staff will submit the resolution with the request for funds to the Texas Department of Transportation which administers the program. Mr. Don Medina made a motion for approval of the resolution of support for Transportation Development Credits as presented. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Garcia then moved to item 7.A.2. - Presentation RE: Valley Metro Route 35 Mid-Valley Jag Express and Request to Establish College/University Mobility Coalition. Mr. Logan introduced Ms. Wanda Garza, South Texas College (STC) Interim Vice President of Student Affairs who explained the inception of and importance of Route 35. Ms. Garza stated that with the Valley Metro staff, STC requests Board approval to establish a Mobility Coalition and create a core leadership team consisting of the presidents of STC, UTPA, UTB, TSTC, TSC and the Los Fresnos CISD and begin interfacing with every stakeholder in the region. Upon conclusion of the presentation and discussion Mayor Tony Martinez made a motion to approve the establishment of a College/University Mobility Coalition as requested. Mayor Leo “Polo” Palacios seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 7.A.3. - Presentation RE: Summary and Key Findings from Operation Analysis and Service Plan and recognized Ms. Meredith Highsmith, Texas Transportation Institute. Ms. Highsmith stated that there has been a significant population increase in the Valley and a Census 2010 urbanized area boundary change. The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to assess and provide information to address the impacts of the population increase on Valley Metro service demand, service delivery, funding sources and funding strategies, urban and rural allocations, service partnerships and capital planning. The object is to create a five-year service and financial plan, also known as a toolkit. No action needed. Upon conclusion of the presentation President Garcia noted that the program status reports were in the Board folders for review.

President Garcia next moved to item 8. - Report from Regional Planning & Services and recognized Ms. Marcie Oviedo. Regarding item A.2. - Solid Waste Management, item a. - Consider Resolution RE: FY 2014/2015 LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Funding Plan and Grant Application Ms. Oviedo stated that if approved this Solid Waste grant application will be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This funding plan was developed in conjunction with and approved by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). A public meeting was held on July 16th and comments on the Funding Plan were accepted through July 30th. The only comment received was from the City of Primera that stated they would like the SWAC to limit the amount of applications submitted to one per entity. Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to approve the resolution for FY 2014/2015 LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Funding Plan and Grant application as presented. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Ms. Oviedo gave the status report on the Solid Waste Program activities.
President Garcia next moved to item 8.B. - HUD Disaster Recovery Funding, Item 1. – Program Status Report on 2nd Round Disaster Recovery Funding. Mr. Hollis Rutledge was recognized and provided a report on the Outreach meeting schedule.

President Garcia next moved to item 9.A. – Act upon Homeland Security Program and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 1. – Consider Approval RE: Citizen Corps Program (CCP) Memorandum of Understanding between UTPA and LRGVDC Mr. Cruz stated that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) continues to be enhanced by engaging other local agencies and providing a variety of outreach and promotional items to the public. This document will allow the LRGVDC to provide assistance and support to UTPA to further enhance the CCP. In particular, the collaboration between the two organizations will benefit faculty and students alike as this course will better prepare individuals to respond to and cope with the aftermath of emergencies and/or disasters. **Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion for approval of the Citizen Corps Program Memorandum of Understanding between UTPA and LRGVDC as presented. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action the President noted that the status reports for the Homeland Security Program, the Criminal Justice Program and the Metropolitan Medical Response System Program were in the Board folders for review.

President Garcia next moved to item 10. - 9-1-1 Program and noted that those status reports were also in the Board folders and moved to item 11. - Old or New Business; there being none **Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Mendoza seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.**

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Hon. Norma G. Garcia, President

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor Tony Martinez, 1st Vice-President

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Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary