

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY COUNCIL CORPORATION

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, January 28, 2026, at 12:00 P.M.

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

Live-streaming at: [LRGVDC COG - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@LRGVDCCOG)

Presiding: Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza, President

Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting Minutes President

1. Annual Elections Meeting of May 28, 2025
2. Board of Directors Meeting December 18, 2025

Item #3: Public Comment

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

1. Consideration and **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ACTION** on FY 2026 Annual Report & Budget
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Adopt FY 2026 Annual Investment Report and Accept Quarterly Investment.

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 a resolution adopting the Rio Grande Valley Broadband & Digital opportunity Plan (RGVBDO) as the official framework for advancing broadband infrastructure and digital equity in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) Elections of Officers for 2026. As per the RSCC Bylaws, the Advisory committee shall consist of Chair, Vice Chair, & Vice Chair Elect.

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 ServicesMargarita Lopez
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the following Membership Application for the Citizens Advisory Council.

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

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Resolutions for FY 2026-27 Non-Profit Security Grant Application Titled Regional Planning and Security.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Resolutions for FY 2026-27 State Homeland Security Program Grant Application Titled Regional Planning.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Resolutions for FY 2026-27 State Homeland Security Grant Application Titled Regional Fire Academy Training Coordinator.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Resolutions for FY 2026-27 Criminal Justice Assistance Grant Application Titled Regional Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance.

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.1B 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

Program Status Reports

- Inservice Courses
- Officers Trained
- Contact Hours

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Sandra Carrizales
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the updated Section 5310 Program Management Plan for LRGVDC Valley Metro.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Acquisition of Hardware for LRGVDC Valley Metro.

Program Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Michael Medina
Executive Director

Program Status Reports

Item #6 Executive Session

1. Personnal Matters under Section 551-074 (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee RE: Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation.
2. Reconvene into an Open Session to Consider **ACTION**, if any on items Related to the Executive Session as described above.

Item #7 New & Unfinished Business

Item #8 Adjourn

**Next Meeting
February 25, 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.