

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B Weslaco, TX 78596

Wednesday, January 31st, 2024, 12:00 noon

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Presiding: Mayor Norma Sepulveda, President

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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 31st, 2023
- 2. Board of Directors Meeting of December 13, 2023

Item #3: Public Comment

**Item #4: AdministrationManuel Cruz
Executive Director**

- A. Consideration and ACTION to Approve Resolution 2024-01 Honoring Mr. David Suarez..... **President**
- B. Consideration and GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ACTION on FY 2024 Annual Report & Budget.....Mayor Norma Sepulveda
President

C. Consideration and **ACTION** to Adopt Annual Investment Report and Accept Quarterly Investment..... Crystal Balboa
Finance Director

D. Executive Director Report

1. Introduction of New Staff Members
2. Presentation and Update on the progress and research related to the establishment of a Regional Transit Authority as stipulated by House Bill 71, ratified in 2019
3. 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 Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) Elections of Officers for 2024. As per the RSCC Bylaws, the Advisory Committee shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Nomination of an Elected or Appointed Official of a Non-Entitlement Community to be considered for Appointment to the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) by the Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner.

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 Citizens Advisory Council Membership Appointment for Maria Elia Lopez.

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 Program Action Items..... Cesar Merla
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve resolutions for FY 2024- 25 Homeland Security Grant Funding.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the resolution for FY 2024-25 Coordinator for the Regional Fire Academy
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the resolution for FY 2023-24 Coordinator for the Regional Fire Academy. The dates are being updated to match updated grant policies as recommended by the governor’s Public Safety Office.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) recommendation to accept scoresheets for HSGD FY 2024-2025 grant projects.
5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee recommendation to accept scoresheets for CJD FY 2024-2025 grant projects.
6. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) membership renewals. The CJAC convened on December 6, 2023, to discuss and approve reappointed members for 2024. This recommendation requires Board Approval.

Program Status Reports

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program

Regional Police Academy ProgramManuel Cruz
Executive Director

Program Status Reports

- Regional Police Academy Status ReportsManuel Cruz
Executive Director

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication DistrictDennis Moreno
Assistant Director

Program Status Reports

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

**D. Transportation.....Tom Logan
Director**

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Hidalgo County Active Transportation Plan Presentation
- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report Luis Diaz
RGVMPO Assistant Director

Item #6: Executive Session

- A. Personnel 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.
- B. Reconvene into an Open Session to Consider **ACTION**, if any, on items Related to the Executive Session as described above.

Item #7 New or Unfinished Business

Item #8 Adjourn

REMINDER

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, February 28, 2024
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 be signed 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-minute time limitation applies.”