

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, April 29, 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](#)

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 March 25, 2026.....President

Item #3: Public Comment

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

1. **Ratification** of Executive Committee **ACTION** on approving Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Prioritized Lists for FY 2026-2027 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Application.
2. Presentation and **ACTION** to Accept Quarterly Investment Report.....Crystal Balboa
Finance Director
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Set Date & Format for 2026 Nominating Committee Meeting.

B. Executive Director Reports

- 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

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 ServicesMargarita Lopez
Director

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Contractor Solicitation timeline for the Fiscal year from 10/1/2026-9/30/2027.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the timeline for the request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit operating plans for services for the fiscal year from 10/1/2026-09/30/2027.
- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the preliminary Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Area Agency on Aging Area Plan FY 2027-2029 (Draft).

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.1A. Emergency Services, Criminal Justice & Homeland Security.....Cesar Merla
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2026-2027 Edward Bryne memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Resolution, Rankings and Conditionally approved amounts.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2026-2027 State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund (SF) Fund Program Resolution, Rankings and Conditionally approved amounts.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2026-2027 Truancy Prevention and Intervention Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion (TP) Resolution, Rankings and Conditionally approved amounts.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2026-2027 Victim of Crime Act Formula Grant Program (VA) resolution, Rankings and Conditionally approved amounts.
5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2026-2027 Violence Against Woman Formula Grant (WF) Resolution, Rankings, and Conditionally approved amounts.

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
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Amendments to the LRGV Academy Adjunct Instructor Subcontractor Agreements for Special Instructional Services.

Program Status Reports

- Officers Certified
- Courses Taught
- Contact Hours

D. Transportation

Valley Metro.....Sandra Carrizales
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Resolution VM #2026-08 Authorizing the LRGVDC Executive Director to execute a resolution appointing Dr. Sandra Carrizales, Interim Director for Valley Metro to the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the updated Section 5310 Program Management plan for LRGVDC Valley Metro.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Department's Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy in compliance to FTA's Drug and Alcohol Compliance Auditing Program.

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
May 27, 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.

PUBLICINPUT 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.