

# LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



## AGENDA

### MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby provided that the LRGVDC Board of Directors will hold a Regular IN-PERSON Meeting on

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 12:00 P.M**

at 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas and provide the public with the ability to view the meeting via Internet

Live-streaming at: [LRGVDC COG - YouTube](#)

Presiding: Mayor Norma Sepulveda, President

#### Item #1: Call to Order

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

**Item #2:** Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve March 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes .....President

#### Item #3: Public Comment

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

- 1. Presentation and **ACTION** to Accept Quarterly Investment Report.....Crystal Balboa  
Director Finance
- 2. Economic Development Strategy and Diversification Study Presentation.....Shonda Mace  
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#### 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  
Assistant Director

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 Contractor Solicitation timeline for the Fiscal year from 10/1/2025-9/30/2026. These services will be funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act as amended and State General Revenue Funds (SGR).
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 10/1/2025-9/30/2026. This action refers to services provided through our subrecipients and funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act amended, and State General Revenue Funds (SGR).

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..... Cesar Merla  
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Rankings and Resolution.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) Fund Program Rankings and Resolution.

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Truancy prevention Grant Program (TP) program Rankings and resolutions.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Victim of Crime Act Formula Grand program (VA) program Rankings and Resolution.
5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Violence Against Woman Formula Grant (WF) Program Rankings and Resolution.

#### 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.

Police Academy Program .....Javier Solis  
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Utilization of LRGV Academy GPI funds in the amount of \$23,139.27 for the purchase of new electronic tasers.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Weslaco, Texas for the implementation of a police academy site to be hosted by and through the Weslaco Police Department, and for the authority to have the LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz, sign and finalize the agreement.

#### Program Status Reports

- Inservice Courses
- Officers Trained
- Contact Hours

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District ..... Dennis Moreno  
Assistant Director

#### Program Status Reports

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

D. Transportation Valley Metro ..... Tom Logan  
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Departments Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy in compliance to FTA's Drug and Alcohol Compliance Auditing Program.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve contractual services for the LRGVDC Valley Metro Edinburg Transit Terminal Office Building 1<sup>st</sup> Floor finish-out Phase III
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve contractual services for the LRGVDC Valley Metro new Harlingen Terminal location Building "A" (office building) HVAC Replacement from Terra Cooling – 3110 W Spur 54 Harlingen, Tx 78552.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report ..... Michael Medina  
Executive Director

**Item #6 New or Unfinished Business**

**Item #7 Adjourn**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

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

