

# 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, June 24, 2026, at 12:00 P.M**

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

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

Presiding: Judge Aurelio Guerra, President

#### Item #1: Call to Order

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

**Item #2:** Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Meeting Minutes May 27, 2026.....President

#### Item #3: Public Comment

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

1. Presentation Recycling Right in the RGV, Partnerships, Sustainability and Education.....Rose Timmer  
Healthy Communities
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the annual renewal of the Microsoft 365 licensing suite utilized by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC). The Microsoft 365 environment provides the Council's enterprise email exchange services and productivity applications necessary to support daily operations across all LRGVDC programs and departments.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the procurement of services to repair the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system serving the Ken Jones Executive Board Room (KJBR).

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a three-year Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement.
5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the LRGVDC to Participate in the AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program and Authorize for the LRGVDC Executive Director to execute Annual Agreement.

**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

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Texas Community Development Block Grant 2027 Regional Project Priorities.

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 Services .....Margarita Lopez  
Director

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 the Master Mutual Aid Agreement template to develop Regional Mutual Agreements for all Cities and Counties within the jurisdictions of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Regional fire Academy Coordinator Contract Renewal for June 8, 2026-October 31, 2026.

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

Program Status Reports

- Officers Certified
- Courses Taught
- Contact Hours

**D. Transportation**

Valley Metro.....Sandra Carrizales  
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve updated LRGVDC - Valley Metro Title VI/LEP/EJ Policy.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Valley Metro and the LRGVDC Area Agency and Aging for Office Space at the Harlingen Transportation Terminal.

Program Status Reports

- Ridership Report

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an interlocal agreement with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), as the performing party, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) and the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO), as the receiving parties, in the amount of \$328,327.00 to conduct the Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study (Subtask 5.4) as identified in the FY 2026–2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

Program Status Reports

**Item #6: New & Unfinished Business**

**Item #7: Adjourn**

**NO MEETING IN JULY**  
**Next Meeting**  
**August 26, 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.