

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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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, August 26, 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

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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 June 24, 2026President

Item #3: Public Comment

Item #4: Administration Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

- 1. Presentation and Consider **ACTION** Regarding the 2025 Annual Audit.....Melisa Gonzalez, CPA
- 2. Presentation and **ACTION** to Accept Quarterly Investment Report Crystal Balboa
Finance Director

B. Executive Director Reports

- 1. Introduction of New Staff Members
- 2. Staff Recognition for Years of Service
- 3. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Training, and Legislation
- 3.A. Why Data Centers and Why Now.

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 Grand Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
- Reservoir Levels

B. Health & Human Services..... Margarita Lopez
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Direct Purchase of Services (DPS) Contractors List for Fiscal year 2026-2027.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the list of Subrecipients providing services under the Older Americans Act – Title III for Fiscal year 2026-2027.

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 SecurityCesar Merla
Director

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the CJAC Policy, Procedures and Scoring Criteria for FY 2027-2028.
2. Consideration and ACTION to approve the CJAC Bylaws and Membership Roster for FY 2027-2028.
3. Consideration and ACTION to approve the HSAC Bylaws and Membership Roster for FY 2027-2028.
4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the HSAC policy, Procedures and Scoring Criteria for FY 2027-2028.

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.1.B Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District.....Cesar Merla
Director

Program Status Reports

- GIS Division
- 9-1-1Information Technology
- CommunityEngagement Division

C. 2. PoliceAcademy ProgramJavierSolis
Director

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of South Padre Island, by and through the South Padre Island Police Department, for purpose of reporting law enforcement training to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and with the authority for LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz to sign and finalize the agreement.

Program Status Reports

- Officers Certified
- Courses Taught
- Contact Hours

D. Transportation

Valley Metro.....Dr. Sandra Carrizales
Director

1. Consideration and ACTION to Approve the updated Valley Metro Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

Program Status Reports

- Ridership Report

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Ranked Project.

Program Status Reports

Item#6: New & Unfinished Business

Item#7: Adjourn

**Next Meeting
September 30, 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.