

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

301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 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 June 25, 2025, Minutes..... President

Item #3: Public Comment

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

- A. Presentation on Region 15, Regional Flood PlanCommissioner David Garza
Region 15 Chair
- B. Presentation and Consider **ACTION** Regarding the 2024 Annual Audit.....Melissa Gonzalez, CPA
- C. Presentation and **ACTION** to Accept quarterly Investment Report..... Crystal Balboa
Finance Director

- D. **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee **ACTION** on the acquisition of Vehicles (transit buses) under TxDOT and FTA Section 5339- Rural Bus and Bus Facilities Program approved Grants for LRGVDC Valley Metro.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
- E. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Consideration and **ACTION** to Execute Engagement Letter for Legal Services for Special Legal Counsel with DNRBS&Z.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

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-Rosas
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) bylaws.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) Stakeholders.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve LRGVDC to accept a \$10,000 dollar contract from National Renewal energy Laboratory (NREL) for the purpose of assisting the LRGVDC South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) achieve FULL FLEDGED DOE Coalition Status by developing and submitting complete DOE application based on the requirements in the Partnership Structure.

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 Direct Purchase of Services (DPS) Contractors List.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the list of Subrecipients providing services under the Older Americans Act- Services Under title III.

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 SafetyManuelCruz
Executive Director

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Cesar Merla
Assistant Director

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 ratify the nomination and appointment of Elsa Police Chief Robert McGinnis and Weslaco Police Captain Alvino Flores to the LRGV Academy Advisory Board.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to amend the LRGV Academy curriculum to include new licensing courses and Mental Health Pilot Program.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to ratify the new Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy Cadet Rules, Policies, and Procedures Manual as recommended and approved by the LRGV Academy Advisory Board.

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

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

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

RGVMPO Status Reports

Item #6 New & Unfinished Business

Item #7 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
September 24, 2025

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 3 minutes