

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, March 25, 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 February 25, 2026.....President

Item #3: Public Comment

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

B. Executive Director Report

1. Consideration and **ACTION** on Advocacy effort Regarding Economic Development Administration (EDA) Austin Regional Director Vacancy with Letter of Support.
2. Introduction of New Staff Members
3. 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 the Tire Resolution for Counties to adopt.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Solid Waste Applications Ranking & Scoring for Funding Year 2026-2027.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) member.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the following South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) Advisory Committee Stakeholders and Membership.
5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Resolution 2026-07 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month and Supporting the Awareness of Fair Housing.

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 Vendor Request to amend contract rates from Texas Visiting Nurse Service, Ltd. And Health Care Unlimited, Inc.

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 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and County of Hidalgo to finalize the transfer of grant-funded Emergency Communications (HAM Radio) equipment for the emergency Communications Headquarters Project.

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

Program Status Reports

- Ridership Report

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

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal agreement with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute in the amount of \$559,281.00 to perform a special study identified in the FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning work Program as Subtask 5.1: International Border Crossings System-Wide Analysis.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Interlocal agreement with Texas A&M Transportation Institute in the amount \$328,327.00 to perform a special study identified in the FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning work Program as Subtask 5.4: Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study.

Program Status Reports

Item#6: New & Unfinished Business

Item#7: Adjourn

**Next Meeting
April 29, 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.