

# LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



## AGENDA

### MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B Weslaco, TX 78596

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 12:00 noon**

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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 Meeting Minutes for  
(February 28, 2024)

President

#### Item #3: Public Comment

#### Item #4: Administration

Manuel Cruz  
Executive Director

- A. Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Presentation .....Heather Smith
- B. Consideration **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee **ACTION** on the following item.
  - 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Prioritized Lists for FY2024-25 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications
- C. Presentation on AEP Rate Case by Mr. Thomas Brocato, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend

Executive Director Report

- A. Introduction of New Staff Members
- B. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Training, and Legislation

**Item #5: Department Reports**

**A. Community & Economic Development**

**Melisa Gonzalez  
Assistant Director**

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Solid Waste Applications Ranking & Scoring for Funding Year 2024-2025.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Nominee for the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWAC) Nominations for Special Purpose District for Irrigation Category.
- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution 2024-01 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
- 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 Vendor request and to amend contract rates from Sunglo Home Health Servies and D’Oro Home Health Services.

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**

Cesar Merla  
Assistant Director

### Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program Action Items

#### Program Status Reports

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program

#### Police Academy Program

Javier Solis  
Assistant Director

#### Program Status Reports

- Regional Police Academy Status Report

### 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

**Tom Logan**  
**Director**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve purchase of Fare Collection Equipment and associated parts from Genfare, LLC, provider for Valley Metro fare collection system.

### Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

### Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report

Luis Diaz  
Interim Executive Director

#### Program Status Reports

## Item #7 New or Unfinished Business

## Item #8 Adjourn

Next Meeting:  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**  
**12:00 noon**

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