

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



**AGENDA**

**MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

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

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Presiding: Mayor Norma Sepulveda, 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 for  
(March 27, 2024).....President

**Item #3: Public Comment**

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

1. Presentation and **ACTION** to Accept Quarterly Investment Report.....Crystal Balboa  
Director Finance
2. Presentation and Possible ACTION on Texas Gas Service Case.....Marie Michels  
Rates and Regulatory Compliance Manager
3. 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**

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 timeline for the Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit operating plans for services (Sub-recipients) for the fiscal year from 10/1/ 2024 – 09/30/2025.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Contractor Solicitation timeline for the fiscal year from 10/1/ 2024 – 09/30/2025.

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**

**Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program Action Items.....Cesar Merla  
Assistant Director**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2024-2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Rankings and Resolution.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2024-2025 State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund SF Program Rankings and Resolution.

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2024-2025 Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) Program Rankings and Resolution.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2024-2025 Victim of Crime Act Formula Grand Program (VA) Program Rankings and Resolution.
5. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2024-2025 Violence Against Women Formula Grant (WF) Program Rankings and Resolution.
6. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution for FY 2024-25 Non-Profit Security Grant Funding.

Program Status Reports

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program

**Police Academy Program Action Items..... Javier Solis  
Assistant Director**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve an Interlocal Agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, with the County of Hidalgo, Texas, by and through the Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 Office, to report 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.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve an Interlocal Agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, with the City of Rio Grande City, Texas, by and through the Rio Grande City Police Department, to report law enforcement training to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and with the authority for the LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz to sign and finalize the agreement.

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 Amendment to Operations Policies & Procedures for LRGVDC Valley Metro.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

**Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report ..... Luis Diaz  
Interim Executive Director**

**Item #7 New or Unfinished Business**

**Item #8 Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, May 29, 2024  
12:00 noon**

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.

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