

# 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, June 28, 2023, 12:00 noon**

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Presiding: Mayor David Suarez, President

#### Item #1: Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

**Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve**  
**Meeting Minutes (May 31, 2023)-----President**

#### Item #3: Public Comment

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

- A. Consideration and **ACTION** to Appoint Board Designee and Alternate to Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC)..... President
- B. Presentation and Possible **ACTION** on Texas Gas Service Rate Case .....Stacy McTaggart  
Rates & Regulatory Director
- C. Presentation from Texas General Land Office (GLO) on Update on LRGV Economic Development Strategy & Diversification Study ..... Elija Casas  
Debbie Lindsey-Opel  
Tx GLO
- D. Executive Director Report..... Manuel Cruz  
Executive Director

1. Introduction of New Staff Members
2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Trainings, and Legislation

**Item #5: Department Reports**

**A. Community & Economic Development ..... Manuel Cruz  
Executive Director**

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution 2023 – 03 Supporting Mexico Paying their Water Debt

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration
- Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC)
- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund
- Solid Waste Management Program
- Water Quality Program
- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RGRWA)
- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
- Reservoir Levels

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

Program Status Reports

- Direct Consumer Services
- Senior Subrecipient and Senior Center Operations
- Special Services Report
- Aging and Disabilities Resource Center
- Housing Navigator Report
- Special Initiatives Report

**C. Public Safety..... Manuel Cruz  
Executive Director**

Program Status Reports

- Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program Status Reports ..... Cesar Merla  
Assistant Director
- Regional Police Academy Status Reports ..... Gilbert Luna  
Assistant Director
- Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District  
Status Reports..... Dennis Moreno  
Assistant Director
- GIS Division

- Community Engagement Division
- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

**D. Transportation**

Valley Metro Action Item ..... Tom Logan  
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Heavy-Duty Shop Equipment

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report
- Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity
- Public Outreach Events

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report.....**Andrew Canon**  
**RGVMPO Executive Director**

**Item #6: Executive Session**

- A. Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 551.072 Tex. Gov't Code (purchase of real property) to discuss the purchase of land for multimodal transit terminal.

**Item #7: New or Unfinished Business**

**Item #8: Adjourn**

**\*REMINDER\***

**NO MEETING IN JULY**

Next Meetings:  
**Wednesday, August 30, 2023**

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) session at any time during the course of 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 during 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 in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must be signed up to do so prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics which 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 posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered, and the same 3-minute time limitation applies.”