



CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF CENTRAL TEXAS

# **Development District of Central Texas**

**July 10, 2025  
9:30 a.m.**



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# Agenda

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## Development District of Central Texas

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Central Texas Council of Governments Building  
2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513

**Regular Meeting: 9:30 AM**

Virtual Link: [DDCT Meeting](#)

Call in Number: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](#)

Access Code: [599-946-797](#)

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
3. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of meeting minutes of the January 16, 2025, meeting. *(pgs. 6-10)*
4. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Regarding the nomination and appointment of a Vice Chair *(pg. 12)*
5. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Opportunity Zones *(pg. 14)*
6. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Rural Internship Program. *(pg. 16)*
7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Implementation. *(pg. 18)*
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding updates on regional broadband initiatives. *(pg. 20)*
9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding legislative updates impacting economic development. *(pg. 22)*
10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Membership *(pgs. 24-26)*
11. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Bylaws *(pgs. 28-36)*
12. Staff Update. *(pg. 38)*
  - a. CTCOG Staffing for DDCT
13. Board of Directors Comments.
14. Other Business: Next meeting date Thursday, October 3, 2025 at 9:30 AM.
15. Adjourn.

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# Item #3

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## Meeting Minutes

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the January 2025 meeting are waiting approval as there was not a quorum present at the April meeting. There are also no official minutes from the April 2025 meeting.

**Action Needed:** Consideration of approval of DDCT Meeting Minutes from the January 16, 2025 meeting.

**Development District of Central Texas (DDCT)**

Thursday, January 16, 2025

9:30 AM

**Regular Meeting**

2180 North Main Street

Belton, TX 76513

Appointment	Entity	Member	Attended	Alternate Member
County	Bell County	Commissioner Bobby Whitson	Y	
County	Coryell County	Vacant		
County	Hamilton County	Vacant		
County	Lampasas County	Vacant		
County	Milam County	Vacant		
County	Mills County	Vacant		
County	San Saba	Vacant		
CTCOG	CTCOG	Vacant		
CTCOG	CTCOG	Vacant		
Individual	City of Killeen	Michael Boyd	N	
Individual	City of Mullin	Dexter Morris	N	
Individual	City of San Saba	Scott Edmonson, Chair	Y	
Individual	Belton EDC	Cynthia Hernandez	N	
Individual	Bartlett Activities Center	Dean Roome	Y	
Individual	Cameron Industrial Foundation	Ginger Watkins	Y	
Individual	Hamilton EDC	Kayla Schraub, Vice Chair	Y	
Individual	Nolanville EDC	Brian O'Connor	N	
Individual	Rockdale MDD	Jim Gibson	N	
Individual	Bartlett ISD	Dr. Teddy Clevenger	Y	
Individual	Workforce Solutions Central Texas	Charley Ayres	Y	
Individual	Vacant	Vacant		
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*Y= Attended Y/A= Alternate Attended N=Did not attend*

*\*denotes online attendance*

### **Meeting Minutes:**

1. **Call to Order:** Dominic Elizondo called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

*\*Ginger Watkins presided over the meeting for the first half and then Dr. Clevenger took over.*

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** No comments received from the Public.

3. **Action Item:** Approve meeting minutes from the October 3, 2024, meeting.

**Charley Ayres made a motion to approve October 3, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Dean Roome; the motion passed unanimously.**

4. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of Scott Edmonson as a new board member.

**Dean Roome made a motion to recommend approval of Scott Edmonson as the new board member, seconded by Kayla Schraub; the motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding nomination and approval of new board officers.

Dominic Elizondo informed the group of Dr. Teddy Clevenger's interest in being the board chair. Kayla Schraub volunteered for the position of vice chair.

**Dean Roome made a motion to recommend nomination and approval of Dr. Teddy Clevenger as board chair. Seconded by Charley Ayres; the motion passed unanimously.**

**Ginger Watkins made a motion to recommend nomination and approval of Kayla Schraub as vice chair. Seconded by Dean Roome; the motion passed unanimously.**

6. **Discussion Item and Action Item:** Regarding approval of proposed amendments to the DDCT Bylaws.

Dominic summarized changes to the Bylaws on membership clarification, term limits, quorum requirements, and proxy voting. The group was also informed of the final draft and all changes to the DDCT bylaws. Dominic also clarified that members could



identify a proxy in writing once and do not have to inform each time of the proxy in case of absence.

**Dean Roome made a motion to approve proposed amendments to the DDCT Bylaws. Seconded by Charley Ayres; the motion passed unanimously.**

7. **Discussion Item and Action Item:** Regarding approval of FY 2025 Leadership Central Texas Program.

Dominic discussed the proposed changes for the application form, which included focusing on local leadership. The group expressed the need to increase circulation through different channels such as Facebook, in order to encourage increased participation in the program.

**Ginger Watkins made a motion to approve proposed approval of FY 2025 Leadership Central Texas Program. Seconded by Charley Ayres; the motion passed unanimously.**

8. **Discussion Item and Action Item:** Regarding approval of FY 2025 Rural Internship Programs.

Dominic shared updates and changes made to the program such as increasing award amounts and proposed increase in total budget. Alternate options for funding were also discussed by the group. The floor opened for discussion and members shared a few ideas/possibilities. Charley discussed potentially reaching out to local ISD's to form a partnership and encouraging local students to participate in the internship program. The group stressed using incentives to encourage major buy-in from community partners. The group will discuss this further through workshops before the next DDCT meeting in April 2025.

**Ginger Watkins made a motion to table proposed approval of FY 2025 Rural Internship Program. Seconded by Kayla Schraub; the motion passed unanimously.**

9. **Discussion Item and Action Item:** Regarding approval of Discover Central Texas marketing expenditures.

Dominic walked the group through the development and maintenance of the DDCT website, member cities access to update/highlight information, related advertisement costs, and accounts reached. Options for utilizing the budget available for website maintenance/overhaul were also discussed including external consultants as well as internal CTCOG communications expertise.

**Ginger Watkins made a motion to approve 5,000\$ for website audit for Discover Central Texas and Development Central Texas, Charley Ayres seconded it, the motion passed unanimously.**

10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Implementation.

Dominic provided an update on the last objective from the CEDS implementation strategy and walked the group through the priority ranking, status update, emergency management toolkit and dissemination. Ginger communicated distributing to local and social media outlets and local governments, in conjunction with a one-page press release from the COG may help reiterate the message and urgency.

11. **Discussion Item:** Regarding updates on regional broadband initiatives.

Dominic provided an update on the broadband service growth, and coordination efforts in the region.

12. **Discussion Item:** Regarding legislative updates impacting economic development.

Dominic gave an overview of a few bills related to EDA in Texas.

13. **Staff Update:**

Dominic updated on circuit rider initiative, future meetings planned, collaboration amongst CTCOG region, potential EDA grant application, consolidation of all data on one website, safety improvement projects, grant updates, and economic overview for Q4 2024.

14. **Board of Directors Comments:** No Comments.

15. **Other Business:** Next meeting date Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

16. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

These meeting minutes were approved by DDCT at their meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

# **Item #4**

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## **Nomination and Appointment of a Vice Chair**

**Nomination and Appointment of Board Vice-Chair**

Kayla Schraub the previously appointed Vice Chair is no longer with the City of Hamilton and no longer serves on the DDCT board. An appointment of a Vice Chair is needed for an appointment to this position.

Taking action on this would appoint a Vice Chair to fill the term vacated and the term would run through September 2025.

**Action Needed:** Nomination and approval of new Vice Chair.

# Item #5

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## Opportunity Zones

**Opportunity Zones**

Eddy Hernandez Perez, Senior Attorney with the Leon Alcala Law Firm will provide an overview of Opportunity Zones.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

# Item #6

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## Rural Internship Program

**Rural Internship Program**

The Rural Internship Program has historically provided small grants to government departments, EDCs, chambers, and any other entity performing activities related to economic development to fund high school interns to support those activities and build capacity for the organization.

Moving forward, DDCT will be unable to use its EDA Partnership Planning Grant funds for this program moving forward, so staff are exploring options to support future internships.

This program has currently been put on hold while we continue discussions with Central Texas Workforce and explore alternative funding sources/ opportunities.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.



# **Item #7**

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## **2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Implementation**

**2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Implementation**

The 2022-26 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was approved by the DDCT Board on January 6, 2022.

As a result of the DDCT Board CEDS Workshop on January 12, 2023, the Board decided to have a recurring agenda item for Board discussion on strategizing implementation of CEDS objectives and strategies.

This meeting the focus will be the objective to “**Educate and prepare residents and businesses to better sustain themselves during disasters.**” The strategies under this objective are to:

- Assist businesses in developing continuity plans and accessing resources/programs for recovery and resilience. Leverage U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Guides.
- Develop and disseminate educational materials to households regarding preparations they can make to sustain themselves longer without utilities or transportation.
- Conduct outreach and assistance to residents of mobile/manufactured homes and other vulnerable structures to encourage repairs and other measures to make them more resistant to storm impacts.
- Consider processes for jurisdictions to further build relationships with residents to gain awareness of who has special needs and risks in the event of a crisis.
- Encourage businesses to explore profitable supply chain localization measures.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

# Item #8

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## Update on Regional Broadband Initiatives

**Updates on Regional Broadband Initiatives**

Staff will provide an update on various broadband initiatives and opportunities for the region.

- [Volume 2 of the BDO's BEAD Initial Proposal](#) approved on November 19, 2024. This volume outlines BDO's administration of the subgrantee selection process and how it will award \$3.3 billion in BEAD funding. Before starting this, a challenge process must be initiated.
- The BDO applied to the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program (SDECGP) on May 27, 2024 and was awarded the grant on November 21, 2024. Texas was allocated \$55.6 million to implement the digital opportunity initiatives identified in the [Texas Digital Opportunity Plan](#). SDECGP funds will be used to expand broadband connections and digital literacy across the state, with programs tentatively beginning in early 2025.
- The Center of Rural Innovation's [research](#) found that rural areas with high usage of broadband saw 200% growth rate for businesses.
- The BDO hosts Local Government and Community Roundtables virtually on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM. The event link can be found [here](#).
- The Benton Institute released a guide for local governments to revise permitting policies to facilitate broadband access-"[Permitting Success-Closing the Digital Divide Through Broadband Permitting](#)".
- [SB 2238](#) could refund FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program with \$7 billion and direct federal agencies to develop a "[National Strategy to Close the Digital Divide](#)". Currently on Senate Legislative Calendar for 2025.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

# Item #9

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## Legislative Updates

**Federal and State Legislative Updates for Economic Development**

- One Big Beautiful Bill Act signed into law on July 4, 2025
- Additional reconciliation bills are anticipated over the coming months.
- [Texas HJR35](#)-Constitutional amendment creating the Grow Texas Fund.
- [Texas HB563](#)-Establishing small municipality revenue recovery grant program for financial assistance for economic development.
- [Texas HB346](#)-Would eliminate all first year licensing and registration fees for business, allocate economic development funds to support businesses.
- [Texas HB 406](#)-Would require local governments to notify Workforce Development Board of the execution of certain local economic development agreements.
- [USDA Circuit Rider Program](#)-technical Assistance for rural water systems.
- [EDA Reauthorization Act of 2024](#)

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

# Item #10

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## Membership

**DDCT Membership**

Over the past couple of years there has been a decline in regular attendance from members of the DDCT. There are also numerous vacancies on the DDCT board at this time.

This is a discussion item to solicit feedback on potentially amending the bylaws to change the membership makeup of the board, how to get more involvement from board members, and how to solicit additional members for the board.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.



### DDCT Board Membership 2025 Contact Information

Name	Board position	County Represented	Title	Organization	Address	Email	Phone
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Bobby Whitson		Bell	Bell County Commissioner, Pct.2	Bell County Commissioners Court	3305 E. Elms Rd. Killeen TX 76542	<a href="mailto:bobby.whitson@bellcounty.texas.gov">bobby.whitson@bellcounty.texas.gov</a>	254-690-2274
Ginger Watkins		Milam	Economic Development Director	Cameron Industrial Foundation	102 E. First Cameron TX 76520	<a href="mailto:gwatkins@cameronindustrialfoundation.com">gwatkins@cameronindustrialfoundation.com</a>	254-697-4970
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VACANT		Coryell					
VACANT		Hamilton					
VACANT		Lampasas					
VACANT		San Saba					
VACANT				Workforce Development Board			
VACANT				Workforce Development Board			
VACANT				Institution of Higher Education			
VACANT				Institution of Higher Education			

VACANT				Public Official			
VACANT				Public Official			
VACANT				Private Sector			
VACANT				Private Sector			
VACANT				Individual Stakeholder			
VACANT				Individual Stakeholder			
VACANT				Minority/Labor Groups			
VACANT				Community Leader			
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# Item #11

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## Bylaws

**DDCT Bylaws**

This is a discussion item to solicit feedback on potentially amending the bylaws to include recommendations from the board.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.



## **Development District of Central Texas Bylaws**

### **Article I: Organization**

1. The name of this organization is the Development District of Central Texas.
2. The State of Texas designated the Central Texas Council of Governments as the fiduciary and administrative agent for this District. The creation of the Development District is authorized by the Central Texas Council of Governments under 13 CFR Part 304, Subsection 2.
3. The District shall initially serve the following Texas counties: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba.
4. The District's Board of Directors is made up of economic development stakeholders as defined in **Article IV**.
5. The DDCT is staffed by the CTCOG Planning and Regional Services Division.

### **Article II: Purposes and Objectives**

The DDCT was created to address economic development issues by coordinating and implementing its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and providing technical assistance to the Central Texas region.

1. The objective of the DDCT shall be to encourage and permit economic development stakeholders to cooperate with one another and with representatives of major economic interest, citizen groups, and other interested agencies to improve the health, safety, and general welfare of their citizens and to plan for the future development of the Region.
2. The purposes of the Development District of Central Texas are to:
  - a. Promote economic growth in the Texas State Planning Region 23;
  - b. Increase employment opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons;
  - c. Assist and coordinate economic development planning efforts of state and local governments and local economic development organizations in the region;
  - d. Coordinate economic development planning with transportation planning, community development programs, job training programs, and other programs and activities that might stimulate the region's economic betterment;
  - e. Implement an economic development technical assistance program that includes



workshops, assistance in implementing economic development programs, and assistance to local organizations in applying for grants for economic development purposes;

- f. Develop, maintain, and implement a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which builds upon local governments' economic development goals and objectives;
- g. Conduct other activities supporting the region's economic development goals and objectives.

### **Article III: Powers and Duties of the District**

- 1. In order to accomplish its objectives and purposes, the District shall perform the following functions:
  - a. Exercise the rights and powers granted the District pursuant to the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act;
  - b. Adopt the Bylaws of the District and amendments to the Bylaws;
  - c. Elect District Officers;
  - d. Establish procedures and take necessary actions to assure compliance with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations;
  - e. Establish procedures and take necessary actions to assure implementation of an effective economic development program and compliance with all applicable requirements and regulations of the EDA;
- 2. In addition to the above functions, the District has the power to:
  - a. Enter into contracts;
  - b. Receive and expend funds from federal, state, and local governmental or private sources;
  - c. Establish such subcommittees as it deems necessary to conduct its work and determine the duties of such subcommittees upon their establishment;
  - d. Authorize a program of technical assistance to the District Service Area, including, but not limited to workshops and seminars, and information and assistance regarding state and federal economic development grants and loans;
  - e. Coordinate the District's activities with local governments and economic development agencies.

### **3. Authority**



- a. The District shall be established and shall function within the rules, regulations, and guidelines of Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the laws of the State of Texas (13 CFR 3.304).

#### **Article IV: Membership**

1. The District must demonstrate that its governing body is broadly representative of the principal economic interests of the Region; the Board of Directors may include:
  - a. Representatives of the private sector;
  - b. Public officials;
  - c. Community leaders;
  - d. Representatives of workforce development boards;
  - e. Institutions of higher education;
  - f. Minority and labor groups; and
  - g. Private individuals.
2. The Board of Directors is limited to 25 people. Each of the seven counties in the DDCT region may appoint one (1) representative to the Board. The CTCOG Executive Committee may appoint up to two (2) representatives to the Board. The remaining representatives of the Board will be filled through individual request.
3. Individuals who qualify under the eligibility requirements and who wish to join the Board of Directors must present a written letter of support or recommendation from an elected official(s) within the DDCT region. Individuals who submit a letter of support are subject to approval by the DDCT Board.
4. Terms for the Board of Directors are aligned with the three-year length of each EDA Partnership Planning grant which funds the District. Each Director shall serve for his or her term in office until his or her successor has been duly appointed or approved.
  - a. Directors appointed by a county or the CTCOG Executive Committee are eligible for re-appointment without limitation, so long as they continue to meet the qualifications of the category they represent and there is written confirmation of continuing status as the entity's appointee.
  - b. Non-appointed Directors must submit a new letter of support from an elected official at the end of their term to continue serving on the Board.



5. A Director must notify DDCT staff in writing of his or her selection of an individual to serve as a proxy for future meetings. Proxy voting is allowed.
6. Vacancies on the Board may be filled in the same manner as initial appointments. If an appointment is made to fill a vacancy on the Board, the successor Director shall serve for the remaining unexpired term of his or her predecessor.
7. Each Director may resign at any time upon written notice to the Chair of the District. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, resignation shall take effect upon the receipt thereof.

#### **Article V: Representation Issues**

1. It is a desirable goal that the DDCT Board be comprised of at least one Director from each of the seven (7) regional counties within the CTCOG/DDCT region. It is also desirable that the Board also represent the Region's rural communities adequately. In addition, the governing body must demonstrate the capacity to implement the EDA-approved CEDS.
2. The business and affairs of the District shall be exercised, controlled and supervised by its Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the necessary representatives to comply with the Economic Development Administration's Rules and Regulations as outlined in 13 CFR 3.304.2.
3. There shall be no discrimination in any respect in the selection of Directors or any activity of the District due to gender, age, race, religion, disability, or political creed.

#### **Article VI: Meetings of the Development District**

1. Regular Meeting
  - a. The District Organization must hold meetings open to the public at least twice a year.
2. Special Meetings
  - a. Special meetings may be called by the Board Chair, District Staff, or upon the request of at least three (3) Directors. All requirements for notice, quorum, and other rules governing regular meetings shall apply to special meetings.
3. Public Meetings
  - a. The DDCT shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.
  - b. All meetings are open to the public and there will be a public comment period held at the beginning of each meeting.
4. Notice





- a. The Board shall publish the date and agenda of such meetings sufficiently in advance (no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting) to allow the public a reasonable time to prepare in order to participate effectively. Directors shall receive notification of date, hour and location of meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
5. Quorum
  - a. At any meeting of the Board, 50% plus one of the sitting Directors being present in person and entitled to vote at such meeting shall constitute a quorum for all purposes except where it is otherwise provided by law or by these Bylaws.
6. Attendance and Removal of Board Directors
  - a. Failure to physically or via video conference attend **three** (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without prior notice to staff or the attendance of a proxy shall constitute a resignation from the Board.
7. Video Conference.
  - a. Any Director or Officer may videoconference in and are considered "present" and are counted toward the making of a quorum if their camera is on and the Director is visible on screen. They may also discuss and vote on any item so brought before the board.
  - b. It is the purpose of this bylaw revision to make the board meeting(s) accessible to a Director who may be physically unable to attend the meeting.
8. Manner of Acting
  - a. The affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors at a meeting with a quorum present shall constitute an act of the Board.

#### **Article VII: Officers & Staff**

1. The Officers of the District shall consist of a Chair and a Vice-Chair. These officers shall be elected by the Board. The Board may from time to time grant certain officers the right to act on behalf of the district and at all times the Chair and Vice-Chair are each authorized to execute and deliver agreements and other instruments on behalf of the District. Tenure of Office and Removal
  - a. The tenure of office of the Board shall be one year. Any officer may not succeed himself/herself more than once. Any officer, at any time, may be removed prior to the expiration of his/her term by affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present, at a meeting duly called and held where a quorum is present.



2. The Chair

- a. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the district.

3. Vice-Chair

- a. The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair, during his or her absence.
- b. In the event of the Vice-Chair's absence the board will nominate a Director to preside over the meeting.

4. Staff

- a. District staff shall attend all meetings of the Board. Staff shall assure that official records of the Board shall be maintained and give notice of all meetings as required by these bylaws.
- b. Staff shall be responsible for reporting to the Board concerning the financial affairs of the District.
- c. Staff will be tasked with coordinating the implementation of the CEDS under the strategic guidance of the Board.
- d. Staff shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board.

**Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority**

- 1. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters not covered by the Bylaws or any specific rules of procedure adopted by the District.

**Article IX: Finance**

1. Limitation of Liability

- a. Any debt, liability, or obligation of the District shall be of the District only, and not any entity participation in the District.

2. Indemnification

- a. The District may indemnify any current or former Director, officer, agent, employee, or similar functionary of the District against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses actually incurred by such person as provided in Article 1396-2.22A of Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, as amended.

3. Contributions



- a. The Board may accept on behalf of the District any contribution, gift, bequest, or device for any purpose of the District.
4. Dissolution
  - a. The District's Board may dissolve the District in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Texas Non-profit Corporation Act.
5. Fiscal Year
  - a. The Fiscal year of the District shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December each calendar year.
6. Budget
  - a. The annual budget is prepared by staff and approved by the CTCOG Executive Director in the EDA Partnership Planning grant application submitted every three years. The Board shall ensure that the budget's in-kind match will be provided through time spent each quarter in economic development meetings and activities.
7. Non-Profit Status
  - a. The District is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. It shall be organized and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any officer, Director,, or private individual, nor shall it ever declare or make to any such persons any dividend or other distribution. Additionally, the District shall not carry on any other activity not permitted by a non-profit corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or not permitted by a corporation, contribution to which is tax deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
8. Reasonable Compensation
  - a. Nothing herein shall prevent the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered or the reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the District's affairs.
9. Political Activities Prohibited
  - a. The District shall not attempt to influence legislation nor shall it participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## **Article X: Adoption and Amendment**



The Board may amend or repeal these bylaws or adopt new bylaws not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or laws of this state, upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, at meetings duly called and held at which a quorum is present. Proposed amendments for initial consideration must be forwarded to the Board of Directors at least ten (10) day in advance of a Board meeting.

#### **Article XII: Adoption and Revision Date**

ATTEST:

The Bylaws of the Development District of Central Texas were accepted and passed by the Board of Directors on the 8th day of May, 2002, and are hereby revised on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dexter Morris, Chair

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Uryan Nelson  
Director of DDCT

# Item #12

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## Staff Update

**Staff Update**

- Staff continue working on all current projects.
- Staff will be reaching out over the next couple weeks for reporting needs
- New Economic Development Planner is scheduled to start August 4, 2025

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

# DDCT Contacts

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### DDCT Board Membership 2025 Contact Information

Name	Board position	County Represented	Title	Organization	Address	Email	Phone
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