



**Executive Committee Meeting**

2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas

January 22, 2026

**Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The January 22, 2026, Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by the Councilman Jose Segarra, City of Killeen, President at 12:09 P.M.

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

President	Councilman Jose Segarra	City of Killeen
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Commissioner Russell Schneider	Bell County
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	City Manager Ryan Haverlah	City of Copperas Cove
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bobby Whitson	Bell County

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights	Martha Tyroch, General Land Office	Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance
Judge James Yates, Hamilton County	Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City Of Killeen*	Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County
Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County	Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County	City Manager Ricky Tow, City of Cameron
Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton	City Manager Brad Hunt, City of Gatesville	Judge David Blackburn, Bell County

**CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:**

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Cyndy Wells, CTCOG	Jerrica Mendoza, CTCOG
George Losoya, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Ashlynn Uschek, CTCOG
Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, WFCT	Hank Roraback, CTCOG
Kylee Young, CTCOG	Anita Janke, CTCOG*	John Stokes, TARC
Alissa Bright, CTCOG	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG	Ricky Garret, CT Water Alliance
Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG	George Losoya, CTCOG	Jennifer Leisey, CTCOG

\*Online Attendance

**Oath of Office**

No Oath of Office was administered.

**Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, including the October 2025 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton, to accept the new officers, including Commissioner Russell Schneider as President; City Manager Ryan Haverlah as First Vice President; Judge Jody Fauley as Second Vice President; Commissioner Bobby Whitson as Secretary/Treasurer; Judge James Yates as Parliamentarian; and Councilman Jose Segarra as Immediate Past President. Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The Oath of Office will be administered at the next Executive Committee Meeting on February 26, 2026.

**Reports**

**Executive Directors Report:** Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), presented "New Beginnings," outlining CTCOG's strategic direction for 2026. The presentation highlighted significant regional growth trends, noting that by 2050 approximately 35 million people—nearly 85 percent of Texas's population—are projected to reside

within the four metropolitan areas of the Texas Triangle. Temple experienced more than 13.4 percent growth between 2020 and 2023, and Killeen ranks as the second fastest-growing city in the nation. The report emphasized that the CTCOG service area includes 32 cities across seven counties, with a combined geographic footprint larger than six U.S. states; while CTCOG operates on a regional rather than statewide basis, the scale and complexity of its initiatives are comparable to state-level projects.

CTCOG's contractual partners include the Killeen–Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO); the Central Texas Workforce Board (CTWB) and Central Texas Workforce Center (CTWC); the Hill Country Community Action Agency (HCCAA) and Hill Country Transit District (HCTD); and the Development District of Central Texas (DDCT). These partnerships were identified as essential to advancing regional initiatives through coordinated planning and collaboration. The presentation further outlined the scope of work performed by councils of governments, noting that CTCOG's responsibilities range from routine departmental operations to specialized projects authorized by the Executive Committee in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

As part of these new beginnings, CTCOG is preparing to launch a new Emergency Communications District featuring a next-generation 9-1-1 system to enhance safety and response times, along with a new organizational identity that includes updated branding and a redesigned website to improve accessibility, clarity, and transparency. The presentation also introduced a new Housing Department initiative, "PHA Pro," designed to support rapid growth while sustaining long-term demand, and provided several staffing updates, including the appointment of Hank Roraback as Director of the Housing Department, Cyndy Wells as Senior Accountant, and the addition of Kylee Young to the Communications and Marketing Department. Additional initiatives discussed included the development of a regional water alliance board, new funding models, enhanced case management approaches for behavioral health services, and updated governance structures. The report emphasized that successful implementation of these initiatives will require continued alignment and collaboration among partners.

The presentation concluded with the introduction of John Austin Stokes as the new Executive Director of the Texas Association of Regional Councils. Mr. Stokes shared remarks on professional background and expressed appreciation for CTCOG's leadership, emphasizing that collaboration and trust are critical to successful regional partnerships. The importance of prioritizing trust as a foundation for effective cooperation was underscored. Closing remarks noted that CTCOG's collaborative approach contributes to greater efficiency, effectiveness, productivity, impact, and

overall success, and members were reminded that the next Executive Committee Meeting and Emergency Communications District Board Meeting will be held on February 26, 2026.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 01:01 P.M. by Councilman Jose Segarra, President.

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Judge Jody Fauley, Secretary/Treasurer