



**Executive Committee Meeting**

2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas

March 27, 2025

**Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

*CTCOG Bylaws, Article 7:8 –*

*“A majority of the total number of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business with the exception of Project Review matters. In the event there is less than a quorum (51%) present at an Executive Committee Meeting, the Members present may act as final review authority on behalf of the Executive Committee if all decisions are unanimous. In the event that the decisions are not unanimous, the Members cannot act on behalf of the Executive committee and the business pending must be considered at either a called meeting or at the next regular Executive Committee meeting.”*

The March 27, 2025, Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by the Councilman Jose Segarra, City of Killeen, President at 12:08 pm.

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

President	Councilman Jose Segarra	City of Killeen Councilmember
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	City Manager Ryan Haverlah	City of Copperas Cove
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bobby Whitson	Precinct 2, Bell County

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights	Judge Bill Whitmire, Milam County	Ricky Tow, City of Cameron
Mayor Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron	Mayor Bert Henry, Village of Salado	Holly Ownes, City of Gatesville
Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County	Martha Tyroch, General Land Office	

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

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Sue Jordan, CTCOG	George Losoya, CTCOG
Jesse Henage, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG
Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG	Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Jill Wyan, US Senator John Cornyn
Kylee Young, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, WFSCT	Alissa Spruill, CTCOG (Online)
Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG	Linda Angel, WFCT	
Jared Porritt, WFCT	Dylan Bricker, US Senator John Cornyn	

**Oath of Office**

No Oath of Office was administered.

**Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

**Consent Agenda**

A quorum was not present, so no consent agenda was taken.

**Action Items**

A quorum was not present, so no actions were taken.

**Reports**

**Area Agency on Aging:** George Losoya, Director of AAA/ADVRC, provided an update on the program's status, noting the impact of the Hop discontinuing free service as of March 1, 2025, which is affecting 43 seniors in Rockdale and Lampasas. The standard fare is \$2 within the designated zone and approximately \$8 for trips outside the zone, with a different rate structure for seniors and veterans would get half price. Additionally, the committee was informed about an upcoming Community Education Event on March 29, featuring sessions on Civilian Active Shooter Response, Hands-on CPR & Stop the Bleed, and Stroke Education. The current Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) grant has enrolled 97 individuals, with 30 pending, working toward a goal of 135 participants by June 2025.

**Housing:** Carmen Lim, Director of HAP, presented countywide statistics to the committee, detailing the number of clients served and payments distributed in February. Bell County recorded the highest figures, assisting 2,028 clients with a total of \$1,648,315 in payments. Coryell County followed with 105 clients receiving \$77,393, while Lampasas County provided assistance to 10 clients with payments totaling \$3,759. Milam County supported 5 clients with \$2,662 in payments. No clients were served, nor payments issued, in San Saba, Mills, and Hamilton counties. The total payments distributed across the three counties in February amounted to \$1,732,130.

**Planning and Regional Services:** Uryan Nelson, Director of PRS, provided the committee with updates, including details on the upcoming HSAC meeting scheduled for April 3 in Milam County. The Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant has been awarded, with ongoing collaboration on projects with sub-recipients. The Hazard Mitigation Action Plan is nearing completion at 98%, with plans for Hamilton, Lampasas, and Mills counties finalized, while Bell County awaits FEMA approval. CTCOG received a perfect score of 46.5 out of 45 on the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and Implementation Plan (IP) Report. Training updates included five classes conducted in February, three in March, and three more scheduled for April. In February 2025, GIS processed 109 address requests, with the highest volume from Bell County, followed by Coryell, Milam, Lampasas, Hamilton, San Saba, and Mills counties. Additionally, 9-1-1 statistics for February recorded 125 text messages and 21,055 calls. The Newly Elected Officials Class, originally scheduled for March 25, 2025, has been postponed until after local elections, with a new date to be announced.

**Workforce Development Board:** Dr. Linda Angel, Executive Director of WFBCT, provided the committee with updates on workforce initiatives and regional employment trends. Workforce rebranding efforts are underway to shorten the organization's name and website, making it easier for individuals to search and access resources. Updates were also provided on ongoing federal employee layoffs, with affected personnel given priority for job placement services. While Central Texas may experience significant impacts from these layoffs, other regions will remain less affected, offering potential job opportunities for those willing to commute up to 60 miles outside the area. Dr. Angel highlighted ten key industry sectors driving growth and currently in demand across Central Texas, including

advanced manufacturing, energy evolution, food and livestock products, hospitality and tourism, information technology, life sciences and biotechnology, petroleum, mining, and transportation and logistics. Lastly, the committee was informed about the upcoming Workforce Executive Meeting, scheduled to take place next month in Temple.

**Workforce Solution Central Texas:** Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, provided an update on regional unemployment rates, noting that for the week ending March 1, 2025, a total of 15,884 UI claims were filed, resulting in a 4.5% unemployment rate. This increase is primarily attributed to recent federal layoffs. The committee was also updated on job fairs and hiring events held in February 2025, which included 5 hiring events, 245 job orders, 632 job openings, and participation from 945 job seekers and 80 employers. Additionally, 666 customers were served at the Workforce Center throughout the month, receiving a total visit of 11,792 services. Mr. LeDoux mentioned that February data will be released on March 28, 2025, and during the next Executive Committee Meeting, both February and March data will be presented for review.

**Executive Directors Report:** Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, reviewed the By-laws with the committee, outlining the composition of the CTCOG Executive Committee. The membership must include five officers, the immediate past president of CTCOG, two members from each county, one member from each city with a population of 12,500 or greater, two elected at-large members from cities with a population under 12,500, one member representing Fort Cavazos, one member from a college-level education institution, one member from K-12 education (which CTCOG no longer has), one member from a special purpose district (which CTCOG also no longer has), an ex-officio member from any state senator or representative, and an ex-officio member from all past CTCOG presidents. Mr. Reed also updated the committee on the progress of receiving the 9-1-1 Emergency Communication District resolution from cities and counties, with 9 received resolutions at the time of the meeting. He also noted that Bell County will be the last to sign to control the timing of the district's creation. Finally, a reminder was given that the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2025.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 01:03 PM by Councilman Jose Segarra, President.

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Jose Segarra, President

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Judge Jody Fauley, Secretary/Treasurer