



Executive Committee Meeting

2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas

May 22, 2025

Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

The May 22, 2025, Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by the Councilman Jose Segarra, City of Killeen, President at 12:11 pm.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Councilman Jose Segarra	City of Killeen Councilmember
2 nd Vice President	City Manager Ryan Haverlah*	City of Copperas Cove
Secretary/Treasurer	Judge Jody Fauley	San Saba County
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bobby Whitson	Precinct 2, Bell County

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights	Mayor Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron	Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance
Mayor Bert Henry, Village Of Salado	Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City Of Killeen	Ricky Tow, City of Cameron
Martha Tyroch, General Land Office	Judge Bill Whitmire, Milam County	Judge James Yates, Hamilton County

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Sue Jordan, CTCOG*	Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG
Jesse Henage, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Anita Janke, CTCOG
Alissa Bright, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, WFSCT	Jerrica Mendoza, CTCOG

Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG

Linda Angel, WFCT

Steve Johnson

Kylee Young, CTCOG

George Losoya, CTCOG

Todd Pruitt, Patillo, Brown &
Hill, LLP

Uryan Nelson, CTCOG

Carmen Lim, CTCOG*

Alicia Shaw

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, as representative on the Executive Committee Board.

Public Comment

A public comment was made by Alicia Shaw, a former staff member of the Housing Department at CTCOG, who shared concerns regarding the department's operations. Mrs. Shaw described experiences within the Housing Department, citing instances of discrimination, unprofessional conduct, and retaliatory actions. Specific issues highlighted included the disappearance of client paperwork, unreturned calls and emails, and the removal of clients from the waiting list due to disagreements with staff—matters that, according to Mrs. Shaw, have had negative effects on both individuals and the community. Mrs. Shaw also noted that numerous complaints have reportedly gone unaddressed. The comment concluded with Mrs. Shaw urging the committee to ensure that individuals are empowered to voice their concerns and that CTCOG fosters a respectful, inclusive workplace culture.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights, to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the April 2025 Expenditure Report and the April 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

Presentation

Todd Pruitt of Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP presented the financial audit for CTCOG for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The Council's assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities by \$6,012,890, with \$3,771,386 available as unrestricted funds to support ongoing operations. The total net position increased by \$716,831, while governmental funds reported a combined ending balance of \$5,264,804, an increase of \$202,773. The general fund's unassigned balance

was \$3,794,727 at year-end. The audit included a review of internal controls over financial reporting, though no opinion was given on their effectiveness. In compliance testing, no material issues were found, and the Council was found to be in good standing with relevant laws and regulations. Management remains responsible for compliance and for maintaining effective internal controls. A selection of programs was tested, including Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, the Aging Cluster, TANF, and 9-1-1 programs. Not all programs were tested, which is consistent with standard audit practices. The audit was conducted according to Government Auditing Standards. The review included procedures to ensure the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Although compliance was not the audit's main objective, results showed no findings requiring formal reporting. The audit confirms CTCOG's strong financial health and accountability. Mr. Pruitt concluded that CTCOG received a clean audit for the fiscal year.

Action Items

- A motion was made by Judge Bill Whitmire, Milam County, to accept all 9-1-1 Communications District Resolutions. These resolutions included: 05-25-PRS001 a Resolution Approving the Central Texas Emergency Communications District Bylaws; 05-25-PRS002 a Resolution Designating the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Director as the Central Texas Emergency Communications District Director; 05-25-PRS003 a Resolution Designating Cadence Bank as Depository for the Central Texas Emergency Communications District; 05-25-PRS004 a Resolution Approving the Central Texas Emergency Communications District Annual Contracts and Expenditures; 05-25-PRS005 A Resolution Approving the Establishment of the Central Texas Emergency Communications District Fiscal Year; and 05-25-PRS006 a Resolution Approving the Central Texas Emergency Communications District Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Setting 9-1-1 Emergency Service Fee. Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County, to approve Resolution 05-25-PRS007, which sought to adopt the Central Texas Council of Governments Bell County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Martha Tyroch, General Land Office, second the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by Judge Bill Whitmire, Milam County, to approve Resolution 05-25-

PRS008, which sought to the Central Texas Council of Governments Supporting the First Saturday in June as the National Trail Day. Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, second the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

- A motion was made by Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights, to approve Resolution 05-25-PRS009, which sought to support a Joint Application for Planning and Demonstration Funding Under the Safe Streets and Road for All Grant Program. Mayor Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron, second the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging: George Losoya, Director of the AAA /ADVRC, provided several key updates to the committee. In preparation for the elimination of carryover funding, the AAA will implement a waitlist for the meals program and adjust eligibility criteria for Home Delivered Meals to prioritize the most qualified clients. The agency is also evaluating the potential reduction or elimination of certain direct services—such as transportation, health maintenance, and minor home repair—within the next two years. Updates were shared regarding the renewal of the Veteran-Directed Care program's contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) grant currently serves 156 individuals, with six pending paperwork, exceeding the enrollment goal of 135. Despite ongoing promotion, utilization of the HOP transportation service by veterans remains limited, typically used only for visits to the VA office. Additionally, AAA recently received a new home repair grant titled "Home 4 Texas Heroes." Mr. Losoya also highlighted several upcoming events, including a CENTAGS Estate Planning session on June 18 and the Aging in Texas Conference in Waco from June 25–27, which Mr., Losoya will attend.

Housing: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), presented the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) update on behalf of Carmen Lim, HAP Director, who was unable to attend. The committee reviewed data for April 2025, highlighting the number of clients served and housing assistance payments issued across the region. Bell County recorded the highest level of support, with 2,044 clients receiving a total of \$1,749,919. Coryell County followed with 100 clients and \$69,371 in assistance, while Lampasas County served 10 clients with \$3,759, and Milam County supported 4 clients with \$2,259. No clients were served, and no payments were distributed in San Saba, Mills, and Hamilton counties.

Additionally, Mr. Reed reported that CTCOG was asked to submit an impact statement for the Killeen Housing Authority (KHA). The process has been completed, with 96 landlords paid and all participating families successfully transitioned.

Planning and Regional Services: Uryan Nelson, Director of PRS, provided several departmental updates to the committee. The next Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meeting is scheduled for June 12 in Milam County, and the Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant has been awarded, with collaboration underway with sub-recipients on related projects. FEMA has not yet released its funding notice and is currently 90 days behind schedule. Development is in progress on a policy for prioritizing criminal justice and homeland security grant projects, although the funding outlook remains uncertain. Training efforts continue with four classes held in April, four scheduled for May, and five planned for June. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) activity included the processing of 502 address requests in April 2025, with Milam County having the highest volume, followed by San Saba, Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, Hamilton, and Mills counties. The 9-1-1 system reported 24,026 calls and 155 text messages during the same period. The committee was reminded about upcoming professional development opportunities, including the first day of the Leadership Central Texas Class on June 17 and the Newly Elected Officials Class on July 15. The update concluded with positive news that the Texas Transportation Commission secured an additional grant of \$160,000 from the Federal Transit Administration

Workforce Development Board: Dr. Linda Angel, Executive Director of CTWB, provided the committee with an update on recent federal and state workforce developments. Dr. Angel noted that a new executive order from the U.S. Department of Labor aligns well with current workforce practices in Texas. However, delays in funding allocations have presented challenges, with a significant 12% budget cut primarily impacting childcare services. Due to increased enrollment in childcare and staff already working at full capacity, CTWB is likely to halt new enrollments in June and implement a waiting list capped at 300 children to ensure sufficient funding through the end of the program year. If new funding becomes available in October, enrollment is expected to reopen. Dr. Angel also highlighted that while most employment sectors are experiencing growth, federal government job numbers continue to decline.

Workforce Solution Central Texas: Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, provided the committee with an update on regional unemployment and workforce activity. For the week

ending April 26, 2025, a total of 15,159 UI claims were filed, resulting in a regional unemployment rate of 4.0%. Updates were also shared regarding workforce engagement in April, including 4 hiring events, 62 job orders, 173 job openings, and participation from 606 job seekers and 41 employers. Additionally, 11,009 customers were served at the Workforce Center throughout the month, receiving a total visit of 25,018 services.

Executive Directors Report: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, shared several important updates during the Executive Director’s Report. Mr. Reed informed the committee that, although CTCOG typically receives funding from the state on a quarterly basis, no funds have been received in the current fourth quarter. A major funding shortfall has also occurred due to the state’s inability to match federal dollars from the FY2023 meals program carryover, resulting in a loss of \$821,098. For FY2024, CTCOG anticipates an additional loss of \$332,020, bringing the total reduction in meals program funding to \$1,153,118. While the full impact of these cuts is not immediate, Mr. Reed noted that it is expected to be felt over the next year to year and a half. The number of seniors on the meals program waiting list has risen by 21% since March, now totaling 365 individuals, with 41% from Killeen and 34% from the Belton/Temple area. Mr. Reed encouraged committee members to contact staff to assist with completing the Bylaw name list in preparation for the Communications District program. Mr. Reed also reminded the committee that several cities, including Bartlett, Carmen, Goldthwaite, Hico, Lampasas, Milano, Mullin, Oglesby, Rockdale, and South Mountain—have not yet submitted their signed resolutions, with Salado expected to do so by June. Bell County is expected to be the final jurisdiction to submit. Mr. Reed concluded by reminding everyone of the upcoming Executive Committee meeting scheduled for June 26, 2025.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 01:09 PM by Councilman Jose Segarra, President.

Jose Segarra, President

Judge Jody Fauley, Secretary/Treasurer

