



**Executive Committee Meeting**

2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas

October 23, 2025

**Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The October 23, 2025, Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by the Councilman Jose Segarra, City of Killeen, President at 12:09 P.M.

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

President	Councilman Jose Segarra	Councilmember
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Commissioner Russell Schneider	Precinct 1, Bell County
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	Martha Tyroch, General Land Office	Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance
Mayor Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron	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
Mayor Dan Yancey, City of Copperas Cove	City Manager Brad Hunt, City of Gatesville	

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

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Sue Jordan, CTCOG	Jesse Cathell, CTCOG
George Losoya, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Jerrica Mendoza, CTCOG
Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, WFCT	Ashlynn Uschek, CTCOG
Kylee Young, CTCOG	Anita Janke, CTCOG*	Hank Roraback
Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG	Michael Parks, CTCOG
Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG	George Losoya, 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 by Mayor Michael Blomquiet, City of Harker Heights, to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the September 2025 Expenditure Report, September 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes, and Approval of Amendments to the Development District of Central Texas (DDCT) Bylaws. City Manager Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

**Action Items**

- A motion was made by Mayor Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron, to approve Resolution 10-25-ADM001, which sought to Resolution Approving to change Trustee. City Manager Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, to approve Resolution 10-25-PRS001, which sought to Resolution Approving the FY24 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Adjustment. Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

## **Reports**

**Area Agency on Aging:** George Losoya, Director of the Area Agency on Aging/ADVRC, provided the committee with updates on current initiatives and upcoming activities. The program received \$25,000 in federal disaster funding for San Saba County, with no anticipated impact on aging services from the government shutdown. Preparations are underway for the 2026–2029 Senior Needs Survey, scheduled to begin in early January. The Texas Veterans Commission grant extension request has been submitted through August 31, 2026, setting a new goal of serving 225 individuals, with 170 unduplicated riders recorded as of September 30, 2025. The Home for Texas Heroes program currently includes nine pending applications and five cases transferred from Habitat for Humanity. Recent and upcoming events include the first DEA Take Back event for expired prescriptions on October 25, the Caregiver Conference on November 4, the ongoing Medicare enrollment period from October 15 through December 7, and the annual “Warm Hearts, Warm Homes” event in December, in partnership with UnitedHealthcare to distribute heaters to low-income seniors aged 60 and older. Additionally, the Rusty Awards Ceremony was held on October 14 at the Cadence Bank Center in Bell County, where board member Martha Tyroch received the Special Appreciation Award, and AAA staff member, Dorneth Browne Jackson was honored with the John C. Garth Person of the Year Award.

**Housing:** Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, provided the committee with a brief update on the Housing Division. The search for a new Housing Director is currently underway, with an announcement expected within the next week. In the interim, the department is being overseen by Michael Parker, who has been assisting with leadership responsibilities. The Housing Division has served a total of 2,164 clients, with \$1,839,631 distributed in landlord payments. Additionally, the department recently completed a comprehensive waiting list purge, reducing the number of applicants from approximately 6,800 to fewer than 1,000, ensuring greater accuracy and efficiency in program management.

**Planning and Regional Services:** Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning and Regional Services,

provided the committee with several updates. The next Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2025, in Bell County. Work continues on the Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) initiative. The CTCOG planning grant has been awarded; however, access to Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding remains delayed due to ongoing lawsuits. While an increase in funding availability is anticipated, the release timeline is still uncertain, and the delay is unrelated to the federal government shutdown. Planning staff are also working to enhance the CodeRed notification system to improve alert and call capabilities. Regarding Peace Officers Training Classes, one session was held in September, one in October, and three are planned for November, with a temporary reduction in the schedule due to staffing changes and pending grant funding. The DDCT meeting on October 2nd resulted in the board voting to amend its bylaws. Additionally, staff are awaiting the conclusion of the government shutdown to begin coordination with the Economic and Community Development Department on the upcoming Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

**Workforce Solution Central Texas:** Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of Workforce Solutions of Central Texas (WFSCT), provided the committee with an update on regional unemployment and workforce activities. Dr. Angel was unable to attend the meeting due to another engagement in Temple. The latest report did not include updated unemployment data, as the Bureau of Labor Statistics within the U.S. Department of Labor is currently closed due to the federal government shutdown. The most recent available data, from September, showed an unemployment rate of 5.1%. During that month, Workforce Solutions hosted 6 job fairs, resulting in 7 job orders, 210 job openings, participation from 6 employers, and attendance by 328 job seekers. Workforce Centers also served 9,395 customers in September, providing a total of 27,912 services. Additionally, preparations are underway for the upcoming "Red, White, and You" hiring fair, scheduled to take place at Fort Hood on November 5, which is expected to be one of the largest recruitment events in the region.

**Executive Directors Report:** Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, provided an update on the potential impact of the government shutdown. The housing division typically distributes between \$1.8 million and \$2.2 million on the first of each month, with HUD releasing those funds two to three days prior to distribution. October payments were made before the shutdown, and

sufficient resources are available to cover November payments. However, if the shutdown extends beyond December 1, payment distributions will be suspended, resulting in approximately \$2 million not being disbursed to over 100 landlords across the region. Regarding Workforce operations, CTCOG usually distributes around \$800,000 every two weeks for childcare assistance payments. October payments have been processed, but since the process relies on drawing down funds from the State, it remains uncertain when or if the drawdowns will be available for November.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 01:07 P.M. by Councilman Jose Segarra, President.

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Judge Jody Fauley, Secretary/Treasurer