



**Executive Committee Meeting**

2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas

September 25, 2025

**Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The September 25, 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 P.M.

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

President	Councilman Jose Segarra	City of Killeen Councilmember
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Russell Schneider	Precinct 3, Bell County
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	Mayor Tim Davis, City of Temple	Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance
Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton	Commissioner Henry Hubnik, Milam County	Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County
Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County	City Council Adams Riakos, City of Killeen	Judge James Yates, Hamilton County

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

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Sue Jordan, CTCOG	David Rodriguez, CTCOG
George Losoya, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Cecile Adams, The Hop
Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG	Linda Angel, WFCT	James Wickham, The Hop
Kylee Young, CTCOG	Jesse Cathell, CTCOG	Karen Gill,
Jesse Hennage, CTCOG*	Callie Tullos, CTCOG*	Kylie Brooks, Bell County
Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG	Allissa Bright, CTCOG	Misha Johnson, City of Nolanville
Anita Janke, CTCOG*	Jerrica Mendoza, CTCOG	Sean Stevens, City of Copperas Cove
Uryan Nelson, CTCOG*	Ashlynn, CTCOG	Zack Kleypas, City of Thorndale

**Oath of Office**

No Oath of Office was administered.

**Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by City Manager Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove, to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the August 2025 Expenditure Report and the August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes. City Council Adams Riakos, City of Killeen, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

**Presentation**

David Rodriguez of the Central Texas Council of Governments hosted the Leadership Central Texas Graduation Ceremony, where President Jose Segarra, City of Killeen Councilmember, and Dr. Linda Angel, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board, presented certificates to the graduates. A total of 13 participants successfully completed the program and were recognized for their leadership qualities as members of the Leadership Central Texas Class of 2025. Graduates included Antonio Murphy, Ashlynn Uschek, Cecile Adams, James Wickham, Karen Gill, Kayleigh Stanley, Kylie Brooks, Misha Johnson, Ron Cowan, Rosanne Fisher, Sean Stevens, Stephanie Sweet, and Zack Kleypas.

Carydaniel Cegledi, PAIO Chief of USAG Fort Hood, presented an overview of the Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) Program. This program establishes agreements between the Army and state, city, county, or local governments to serve the best interests of both parties while enhancing installation support services for soldiers and their families. The IGSA Program provides numerous benefits, including job creation, retention of local dollars, greater buying power, access to installation assets, economies of scale, increased community interaction with soldiers and their families, enhanced capacity, and cost avoidance for shared-use facilities. Successful agreements include Stray Animal Control with the City of Killeen, Water Services and Recreation Services with the City of Gatesville, and Mass Transit with the Hill Country Transit District. While Fort Hood has implemented several IGSA's, the program extends across the Army with a total of 178 agreements currently in place.

### **Action Items**

- A motion was made by City Council Adams Riakos, City of Killeen, to approve Resolution 09-25-PRS001, which sought to Resolution Approving the Central Texas Council of Governments Supporting October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month. Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton, 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 an update on the program's ongoing initiatives and upcoming activities. A new data management system has been implemented for AACT and CTADVRC, and the agency is confirmed to receive full funding for FY26. In collaboration with Central County Services, Suicide Prevention Training sessions under the AS+K program are being hosted twice a month at CTCOG through February. Preparations are also underway for the 2026–2029 Senior Needs Survey, scheduled to begin in early January. Additionally, the Texas Veterans Commission grant has been extended through December 31, 2025, with a goal of serving 170 individuals by year-end; as of July 31, 145 unduplicated riders have been reached. The Home for Texas Heroes program currently has nine applications pending approval, along with five cases transferred from Habitat for Humanity. Recent and upcoming caregiver and education events include the Bell County Senior Expo on

September 23, the Alzheimer's Walk in Belton on September 27, the start of Medicare enrollment on October 15, and the Caregiver Conference at CTCOG on November 4.

**Housing:** Carmen Lim, Director of HAP, submitted a resignation letter late last week. Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, provided the committee with a brief program update, reporting that a total of 2,145 clients were served in August. The majority of clients were located in Bell County with 2,027, followed by Coryell County with 96, Lampasas with 10, and Milam with 3, while Hamilton, Mills, and San Saba Counties reported no clients served. Total tenant payments for the month amounted to \$1,789,389, with the largest share in Bell County at \$1,709,259, followed by contributions from Coryell, Lampasas, and Milam Counties.

**Planning and Regional Services:** Uryan Nelson, Director of PRS, was unable to attend due to a meeting in Laredo, TX, and updates were provided to the committee by Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG. The next Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2025, in Milam County. The Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant has been awarded, with work underway alongside subrecipients on related projects. CodeRed will be included on the October meeting agenda, and Mutual Aid Agreements are currently being updated. The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is also expected to be awarded to grantees soon. Peace Officers Training Classes included seven sessions in August, one in September, one in October, and two scheduled for November. In July 2025, GIS Address Requests totaled 174, with the majority from Bell County (123), followed by Coryell (19), Milam (13), Lampasas (8), San Saba and Mills (4 each), and Hamilton (3). It was noted that GIS Address Request updates will be moving to the Communications District Board Meeting beginning next month. CTCOG's new Regional Planner, David Rodriguez, was also introduced to the board, and the next DDCT meeting is set for October 2, 2025. Regarding the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program, 109 projects were identified throughout the course of the initiative, which concluded on July 18, 2025, and since August, \$264,631 in in-kind contributions have been collected through signed forms.

**Workforce Development Board:** Dr. Linda Angel, Executive Director of CTWB, provided the committee with updates on both CTWB and WFSCT slides in the absence of Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT. The committee was reminded of the upcoming annual Workforce Awards Luncheon in October, with invitations to be sent by email rather than mail. A recent system hack was reported, which altered the UI system and contributed to higher-than-usual

unemployment rates. The breach also involved leaked Social Security numbers that were used fraudulently to file for unemployment. Committee members were advised to verify their information on workintexas.com to ensure accounts were not compromised. Due to the system hack, the presented unemployment figures may not be entirely accurate, with current rates reported as Bell County at 5.2%, Coryell at 5.3%, Hamilton at 4.9%, Lampasas at 4.7%, Milam at 4.9%, Mills at 4.2%, and San Saba at 4.4%. Additionally, Workforce Centers served 8,030 customers in July, delivering a total of 23,919 services.

**Executive Directors Report:** Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, provided an update on state and national transportation policy developments. CTCOG recently had an opportunity to help shape a draft of a new federal transportation plan—an evolution following landmark acts such as ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991), TEA (Transportation Equity Act), and SAFETEA. Debate continues over the federal role in transportation: the proposal moves toward reducing federal involvement, which would mean that Texas would need to fully fund all highways and toll roads. Under that scenario, federal gas tax contributions to transportation would be eliminated, but the burden would shift entirely to state funding sources. To make sense of this shift, it's important to note that currently many Texas road and highway projects receive mixed funding—both federal funds (often via the Federal Highway Trust Fund) and state revenues (such as gas taxes, vehicle registration fees, and state sales taxes). The change being discussed would fundamentally alter that balance. In short, CTCOG is monitoring these federal moves carefully, as the shift would require greater financial commitment from Texas and could reshape the ability to maintain and expand regional infrastructure.

### **Adjourn**

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

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Judge Jody Fauley, Secretary/Treasurer