



**RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 20, 2016 10:12 A.M., MDT
El Paso Community College Administrative Services Center
9050 Viscount El Paso, TX**

<u>Board Members Present:</u>	<u>Board Members Absent:</u>
Mr. Art Fierro, EPCC	Mayor Jesus Calderon, City of Valentine
Commissioner Carlos Leon, County of El Paso	Judge Carlos Urias, Culberson County
Representative Carl Robinson, City of El Paso	Judge Mike Doyal, Hudspeth County
Judge Jeanette Duer, Jeff Davis County	Mayor Oscar Leeser, City of El Paso
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty, County of El Paso	Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City of Las Cruces
Judge Cinderela Guevara, Presidio County	Governor Carlos Hisa, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Representative Lily Limon, City of El Paso	Judge Eleazar Cano, Brewster County
Ms. Bonnie Moorhouse, Horizon Regional MUD	Alderman Walter Miller, Town of Horizon City
Mr. Mike Rosales, YISD Board of Trustees	Commissioner David Garcia, Doña Ana County
Ms. Diane Dye, EPISD Board of Trustees	Judge Veronica Escobar, County of El Paso
	Angelica Rodriguez, SISD Board of Trustees
<u>Alternates Present:</u>	Colonel Mike Hester, Ft. Bliss Garrison
Mayor Glenn Humphries for Judge Veronica Escobar	State Representative Marisa Marquez, District 77
Councillor Greg Smith for Mayor Ken Miyagishima	Texas State Senator Jose Rodriguez, District 29
Representative Peter Svarzbein for Mayor Oscar Leeser	
Commissioner Mike Pallanez for Judge Eleazar Cano	<u>Guest Present:</u>
Commissioner Jim Ed Miller for Judge Mike Doyal	Jerry Clark, Civil Engineer - FEMA
Commissioner Luc Novovitch for Mayor Jesus Calderon	Anna Apodaca, Intergovernmental Affairs – Workforce Solutions Borderplex
Lieutenant Colonel Paul Stewart for Colonel Mike Hester	Karina Rivera – Office of Congressman Will Hurd
	Lt. Joe A. Chairez – El Paso County Sheriff’s Dept.
<u>RGCOG Staff Present:</u>	Roque Aguon, Legislative Aid-City of Paso Dist. 1
Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director	Ray Resendez, State Coordinator - TDEM
Stella Rodriguez, Executive Administrative Assistant	Avelardo Talavera, Regional Coordinator - TDEM
Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director	Carlos Carmona, District Coordinator - TDEM
Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging Director	
Phil Bowen, Attorney at Law	

MINUTES

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON May 20, 2016

Judge Jeanette Duer motioned for approval and Representative Andrew Haggerty seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Promotion of City of El Paso at the South by Southwest Interactive Arts Festival, by Representative Peter Svarzbein

Ms. Annette Gutierrez introduced Representative Peter Svarzbein who gave a presentation on the promotion of the City of El Paso at the South by Southwest Interactive Arts Festival.

2. Paso del Norte Health Foundation, by Annette Gutierrez

Ms. Annette Gutierrez requested Board approval to allow herself as Executive Director and Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging Director to serve as trainers for the Paso del Norte Health Foundation's new REALIZE Board program while on annual leave from the RGCOG.

Representative Lily Limon motioned for approval to cap the training sessions to four per year and that Ms. Gutierrez and Ms. Lugo would not have to use their annual leave and Trustee Mike Rosales seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Gibson, Ruddock, Patterson, LLC Engagement Letter, by Annette Gutierrez

Ms. Annette Gutierrez provided the Board with a copy of the audit engagement letter for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

REGIONAL SERVICES

4. Far West Texas Water Planning Group, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board approval to allow the Rio Grande Council of Governments to enter into a contract with LBG-Guyton Associates as the prime consultant for the fifth cycle of regional water planning.

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for approval and Representative Lily Limon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Greg Smith abstained.

5. Workforce Solutions Borderplex, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board approval to allow the Rio Grande Council of Governments to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Workforce Solutions Borderplex.

Representative Lily Limon motioned for approval and Trustee Mike Rosales seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division; Criminal Justice Grant Program (DJ) Fund Source , by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board approval on the submittal of the Regional Priority List for Applications and Resolution affirming that the Rio Grande Council of Governments Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has reviewed, ranked and scored the Criminal Justice Grant Program (DJ) applications.

Judge Cinderela Guevara motioned for approval and Representative Lily Limon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program (JA) Fund Source, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board approval on the submittal of the FY2017 Regional Priority List for Applications and Resolution affirming that the Rio Grande Council of Governments Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has reviewed, ranked, and scored the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JA) applications.

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for approval and Representative Lily Limon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Art Fierro abstained.

8. Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division: Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects (WF) Fund Source, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board approval on the submittal of the FY2017 Regional Priority List for Applications and Resolution affirming that the Rio Grande Council of Governments Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has reviewed, ranked, and scored the Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects (WF) applications.

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for approval and Representative Lily Limon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Art Fierro abstained.

9. Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division: General Victim Assistance (VA) Direct Services Program Fund Source, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board approval on the submittal of the FY2017 Regional Priority List for Applications and Resolution affirming that the Rio Grande Council of Governments Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has reviewed, ranked, and scored the General Victim Assistance (VA) Direct Services applications.

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for approval and Judge Cinderela Guevara seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

10. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 6: Regional Mitigation Division Representative, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla introduced Mr. Jerry Clark, P.E., CFM, Civil Engineer Risk Analysis Branch, Mitigation Division FEMA Region 6, who provided an update regarding the flood prone maps.

11. El Paso County Region VIII Training Academy, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla and Lt. Joe Chairez, El Paso Sheriff's Department, provided an update on the Region VIII Training Academy's upcoming regional law enforcement (LE) trainings.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

12. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Membership, by Yvette Lugo

Ms. Yvette Lugo requested Board approval to accept potential new members to its Advisory Council in an effort to fill vacancies. The names of the potential members are Dr. Charles P. Cavaretta and Ms. Kimberly Escobar.

Judge Cinderela Guevara motioned for approval and Representative Lily Limon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

13. Welcome to Medicare Event 2016, by Yvette Lugo

Ms. Yvette Lugo informed the Board that the Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging hosted a Welcome to Medicare Event on June 25, 2016 at the Education Service Center-Region 19.

14. Aging to Perfection Expo 2016, by Yvette Lugo

Ms. Yvette Lugo informed the Board that the Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging would be hosting its 17th annual Aging to Perfection Expo on September 7, 2016 at the El Paso Convention Center.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Annette Gutierrez informed the Board of the following:

- April 21, 2016 – Met with Judge Val Beard to discuss Regional Review Committee and also met with Small Business Development Center personnel to discuss Vista Program.
- April 26, 2016 – Attended the Mission Trail Municipalities meeting at the El Paso County Courthouse with the Economic Development District.
- May 2, 2016 – Attended the Technical Stake Holder meeting for Water Planning in Austin, TX.
- May 5, 2016 – Attended the Borderplex Alliance meeting with the Economic Development Administration.
- May 5, 2016 - Attended the Mission Trail meeting with Judge Veronica Escobar and the Economic Development Administration.
- May 13, 2016 - Met with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to discuss solid waste program.
- May 16, 2016 – Attended the Upper Rio Grande Regional Review Committee Public meeting in Van Horn.

2. PASO del NORTE Health Foundation, by Annette Gutierrez

Commissioner Carlos Leon motioned for approval to revisit Agenda #2 and Representative Carl Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved to revisit the previous approved motion.

Commissioner Carlos Leon and Representative Carl Robinson wanted to amend their vote on the previous motion. They felt there were some issues that could occur with the Board's first vote and stated their concerns. After discussion amongst the Board a consensus was reached. Representative Lily Limon made a motion to allow Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director and Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging Director to serve as trainers for the Paso del Norte Health Foundation's new REALIZE Board program while on annual leave from the RGCOG. Commissioner Carlos Leon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved with Mr. Art Fierro opposing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion and a second to adjourn. Mr. Art Fierro adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.