

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting
2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101
San Antonio, TX 78217
February 23, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge James Teal, Vice Chair
 Commissioner Marialyn Barnard
 Councilman James Blakey
 Ms. Luana Buckner
 Commissioner Rebeca Clay-Flores
 Mayor Suzanne de Leon
 Mayor Mary Dennis
 Judge Richard Evans
 Councilwoman Adriana Rocha Garcia
 Mr. James Hasslocher
 Judge Robert Hurley
 Judge Richard Jackson
 Judge Rob Kelly
 Judge Sherman Krause
 Ms. Lisa Lewis
 Judge Chris Schuchart
 Mayor John Williams
 Mr. Brian Hoffman, JBSA (Ex officio, non-voting)

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Steven Peterson for
 Councilman Clayton Perry, Vice Chair
 Amy Putney for
 Commissioner Tommy Calvert
 Councilman Darrin Schroeder for
 Mayor James Danner
 Jim Wolverton for
 Judge Kyle Kutscher
 Commissioner Jose Asuncion for
 Judge Arnulfo Luna
 Anna Alicia Romero for
 Senator Jose Menendez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Robert Gregory
 Mayor Tim Handren
 Judge Wade Hedtke
 Judge Darrel Lux
 Representative Andy Murr
 Councilwoman Ana Sandoval
 Judge Mark Stroehrer
 Mr. Sylvester Vasquez

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Kyle Biedermann
 Representative Ryan Guillen
 Representative John Kuempel
 Senator Judith Zaffirini

STAFF PRESENT

Diane Rath
 Jenise Diaz
 Cliff Herberg
 Jacob Ulczynski
 Crystal Campos-Rosales
 Trina Cortez
 Mike Dolan
 Julio Elizondo
 Susie Ernst
 Lyle Hufstetler
 Deedra Johnson
 Tom Logan
 Marcela Medina
 Claudia Mora
 Alicia Penalver
 Miguel Segura
 Blancia Tapia
 Gary Timpson
 Jo Anne Tobias-Molina
 Jhoan Torres
 other staff members

1. Chairman Teal called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

The AACOG Board of Directors is meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Act). As such, the Board of Directors reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Texas Open Meetings Act.

2. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.

3. United States Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

4. No Public Comments were given.

This time is for anyone to comment to the Board of Directors on issues and items of concern. There will be no Board of Directors deliberation or action on these comments. Time allowed is at the discretion of the Chairman; with three (3) minutes being customary.

5. No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were given.

Executive Director

6. Executive Director Rath presented the following updates to the Board members:

A. Staffing Updates:

- Gary Timpson, Veterans Program Coordinator, was awarded the Jacqueline Smith Foundation's Military Service Award for his outstanding support of Veterans

B. Program Status and Operational Updates:

Area Agencies on Aging

- Seeking additional vendors for aging-related service providers; Jo Ann will be discussing this in her agenda item
- TEMAP was extended through May 31st. This provides mortgage assistance, please send referrals
 - Our program is working with our rural communities to coordinate events
 - We also launched a targeted digital ad campaign to our rural communities. Residents in the twelve counties will see our ads on their phones and computers

Alamo Regional Transit

- ART received six (6) new vehicles, and our long-anticipated trolley!
 - The trolley will be available for special events, such as parades, rodeos, etc.
- ART onboarded and trained three drivers specifically for service in Kerr County
- ART presented the I-35 Express Bus Service project to area stakeholders, including Secretary Cisneros and TxDOT Chairman Bruce Bugg
 - The project is seeking funding to launch a pilot that offers a fixed, public transportation route from SA to ATX, in conjunction with CARTS from Austin
- Section 5310 Volunteer Driver Contracts were renewed with NESAs & Jefferson Outreach
- ART completed VIA's Sub-recipient Monitoring for 2022

External Affairs & Communications

- AACOG program leads participated in the "Secure" campaign with the SA Food Bank; visited Wilson and Atascosa counties' community leaders to identify needs in regards to food insecurity, employment, health and human services, etc.
 - SA Food Bank is expanding this project to additional counties and will work with county judges to coordinate meetings
- AACOG is also joining TxDOT at their public meetings in our counties
 - If you have questions about when your meeting is scheduled, contact Miguel Segura

Intellectual & Developmental Disability Services

- HHSC released the draft RFP for the STAR+PLUS Medicaid program.

- This procurement includes the pilot program to test carve-in of IDD services into Medicaid managed care.
- As a reminder, the Bexar service delivery area was selected as the preferred location of the pilot by HHSC.
- IDD Services staff are negotiating closely with managed care organizations applying for the procurement regarding the role of the Local IDD Authority.
- March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. IDDS is coordinating a Family Night on March 22nd at Chicken N Pickle located at 5215 UTSA Boulevard

Military & Veterans Affairs

- The Sentinel Landscapes Federal Coordinating Committee designated Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape on February 15th
- DEAAG projects should be completed by the end of March; final closeout by June
- The CUP Grant should be completed in the Spring
- Veteran Directed Care is currently managing 441 cases

Natural Resources

- The South Texas EV Readiness Webinar is scheduled for Thursday, February 25th
- We will be hosting an Alternative Fuel Vehicle Demonstration, March 31st here at AACOG
 - We are recruiting vehicle and equipment displays, so if you operate any that runs on fuels other than diesel or gasoline, please let Lyle know
- **PACE:** Alamo Heights Resolution of Intent to establish PACE is on their city council's Feb. 28th agenda. If it passes, their plan is to have the Resolution to Establish PACE and the ILA on the March 14th agenda.

Public Safety

- We had five (5) total applications that were not entered into the eGrants system before the deadline. Although we contacted the OOG, there is nothing that could be done at this point

Regional Services

- CEDS Committee meeting is scheduled for March 16th
- Workshops for 2022 will begin in April, with our Planning & Zoning workshop. Details will be forthcoming
- Will be working to filter the numerous IIJA/BIL funding opportunities to identify those available to our region and member governments. We will create a separate Guidebook to provide our members the necessary information on these opportunities

Environmental Conservation

- 2023 Solid Waste Grant scoring will be held on March 9th

Weatherization Assistance Program

- All weatherization staff members are currently enrolled in various courses through Santa Fe Community College. Studies range from Customer Service, Project Management, and weatherization specific certification courses.

C. Organizational and General Administration Updates:

Building Update

- We are ending our contract with REOC for building management and will assume these responsibilities with current staff.

Administration
Policy Review
Chief Financial Officer
General Counsel

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consists of items considered being of a routine nature and contains items recommended for approval by the Executive Committee or by the Board Chair and the minutes from previous Board of Directors meetings. These items will be enacted in one motion, or any member of the Board may request that items be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately for purposes of discussion and voting.

7. Consider and act upon the recommendation to approve the January 26, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
8. Consider and act upon the recommendation to approve the January 2022 Financial Summary - Julio Elizondo
 - A. Financial Dashboard
 - B. Combined Balance Sheet
 - C. Combined Revenue & Expenditures
 - D. Administrative Budgets
9. Agency Contract Performance Report - Diane Rath

Moved by Judge Chris Schuchart, seconded by Judge Richard Evans, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7 - 9 as one vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 23 - 0

New Business

10. Titan Complex Financial and Occupancy Update. - Jenise Diaz

Report only, no action was needed nor taken.
11. Consider and act upon the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the modernization of the elevators at the Titan Building. – Cliff Herberg

Moved by Mayor John Williams, seconded by Mayor Mary Dennis, to authorize the Executive Director to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the modernization of the elevators at the Titan Building. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 23 - 0
12. Consider and act upon the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a two-year contract with the option for three one-year extensions for a Consultant for employee insurance benefits and services. - Deedra Johnson

Moved by Judge Chris Schuchart, seconded by Brock Curry, Alt. for Luana Buckner, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a two-year contract with the option for three one-year extensions for a Consultant for employee insurance benefits and services. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 23 - 0

13. Consider and act on the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to accept grant funding

from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds (PEAF) in the amount of \$308,777.00. This item will require a budget amendment. - Jacob Ulczynski

Moved by Steve Peterson, alt for Councilman Perry, seconded by Judge Rob Kelly, to authorize the Executive Director to accept grant funding from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds (PEAF) in the amount of \$308,777.00. This item will require a budget amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 23 - 0

14. Consider and act on the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to apply for and accept grant funding from the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities for New Initiatives funding in the amount of \$400,000.00. This item will require a budget amendment - Jacob Ulczynski

Moved by Commissioner Rebeca Clay-Flores, seconded by Councilwoman Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, to authorize the Executive Director to apply for and accept grant funding from the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities for New Initiatives funding in the amount of \$400,000.00. This item will require a budget amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 23 - 0

15. Consider and act upon the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Aging Services and execute contracts with selected contractors. This item does not require a budget amendment.- Jo Ann Tobias-Molina

Moved by Mayor Suzanne de Leon, seconded by Mayor John Williams, to authorize the Executive Director to release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Aging Services and execute contracts with selected contractors. This item does not require a budget amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 23 - 0

16. Consider and act upon the recommendation to adopt a Resolution to recognize the month of March as the 50th Anniversary of the National Senior Nutrition Program in the AACOG Region. - Jo Ann Tobias-Molina

Moved by Judge Richard Jackson, seconded by Judge Richard Evans, to adopt a Resolution to recognize the month of March as the 50th Anniversary of the National Senior Nutrition Program in the AACOG Region. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 23 - 0

17. Consider and act upon the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the 2022 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in the estimated amount of \$1.4 million. This item will not require a budget amendment. -- Alicia Ávila-Peñalver

Moved by James Hassloch, seconded by Judge Richard Evans, to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the 2022 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for the estimated amount of \$1.4 million. This item will not require a budget amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 23 - 0

Committee Reports

18. Annual Training for Local Intellectual and Development Disabilities Authority (LIDDA) Board

members. - Jacob Ulczynski

Annual Training, no action was needed nor taken.

- 19. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at AACOG.
- 20. There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Teal adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Approved:

Jim Teal,
County Judge, McMullen County
Chairman, AACOG Board of Directors

Date