

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting
2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101
San Antonio, TX 78217
May 25, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge James Teal, Chair
 Councilman Clayton Perry, Vice Chair
 Commissioner Marialyn Barnard
 Ms. Luana Buckner
 Mayor Suzanne de Leon
 Mayor Mary Dennis
 Judge Richard Evans
 Mr. James Hasslocher
 Judge Richard Jackson
 Judge Rob Kelly
 Judge Sherman Krause
 Senator Jose Menendez
 Judge Chris Schuchart
 Mr. Sylvester Vasquez
 Mayor John Williams
 Representative Ryan Guillen

ALTERNATES PRESENT

CM Lawrence Spradley for
 Councilman James Blakey
 Amy Putney for
 Commissioner Tommy Calvert
 Marcus Primm for
 Commissioner Rebeca Clay-Flores
 Frank Ramirez for
 Councilwoman Adriana Rocha Garcia
 Comm. Mark Gillespie for
 Judge Robert Hurley
 Comm (ret.) Jim Wolverton for
 Judge Kyle Kutscher
 Ms. Angela Rodriguez for
 Ms. Lisa Lewis
 Ms. Kellie Early for
 Representative Andy Murr
 Andrew Solano for
 Councilwoman Ana Sandoval
 Comm. Donnie Schuch for
 Judge Mark Stroehner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Victor Contreras
 Mayor Tim Handren
 Judge Wade Hedtke
 Judge Arnulfo Luna
 Judge Darrel Lux

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Kyle Biedermann
 Representative John Kuempel
 Senator Judith Zaffirini
 Brian Hoffman, JBSA Representative

GUESTS PRESENT

John Anderson, JBSA

STAFF PRESENT

Diane Rath
 Rick Bluntzer
 Jenise Diaz
 Cliff Herberg
 Jacob Ulczynski
 Julio Elizondo
 Susie Ernst
 Bryn Herrera
 Lyle Hufstetler
 Deedra Johnson
 Claudia Mora
 Alicia Penalver
 Miguel Seguara
 Steven Smeltzer
 Jo Anne Tobias-Molina
 Jhoan Torres
 Jaye Wells
 other staff members

1. 2022 Board of Directors Group Photo at 9:45 a.m.**2. Chairman Jim Teal called the meeting to order at 10:00 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.

3. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.
4. The United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
5. 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.

6. No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were given.

Announcements

7. New Board of Directors members were welcomed:

Mayor Darrin Schroeder - Group A, Member Cities in the Counties of Atascosa, Frio, McMullen and Medina

Mayor Victor Contreras - Group B, Member Cities in the Counties of Comal, Guadalupe, Karnes, and Wilson

Executive Director

8. Executive Director Rath presented the following Agency updates to the Board Members:

A. Staffing Updates

B. Program Status and Operational Updates:

Area Agencies on Aging

- The vaccine team established a partnership with the City of San Antonio Parks and Rec Dept to provide COVID-19 vaccines to their senior communities.
 - We have scheduled three vaccine pop-ups for May-June, one of those being at the Commanders House.
 - We were able to vaccinate 239 seniors in April
- Our Assistant Director of Aging, Trina Cortez, has spearheaded the "Age My Way" Education series that is being delivered each Thursday during the Month of May.
- Our Aging Services Manager, Tony Martinez, and his team have created a newsletter campaign to raise awareness of Older Americans Month
 - The first message included a video which highlighted the significant contributions of older adults to our community
 - The second message was a video from Yolanda Perez of the City of San Antonio who highlighted the change in the health and wellness programs
- City of San Antonio also proclaimed the month of May as Senior Citizen Care Giver Month and recognized AACOG at a ceremony earlier this month
- The City of Live Oak will also hold an Older American Month Proclamation event on May 31st
- AACOG/AAA is a sponsor of the upcoming Project MEND's "Let's Roll 5K!" scheduled for this weekend, May 28th. A team of 10 AAA staff will

be completing the 5k run, and we will have an informational booth at the event

- Aging has been awarded a grant to start the Foster Grandparent Program in Wilson, Medina and Bandera counties. This grant will start in July
- HHSC has released funds for the Housing Bond project. Alamo and Bexar AAAs will receive a total of \$33,332.00 to help residents with housing issues such stabilization of their home by paying rent, or even a utility bill
- AACOG will host a subcommittee meeting of The Joint City of San Antonio and Bexar County Commission on Elderly Affairs on May 24th.
 - The housing subcommittee will be meeting to hear a presentation from the Affordable Housing Manager from COSA and discuss the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan.
- AACOG is hosting the upcoming Elder Abuse Summit on June 16th. This event is designed to raise awareness of Elder Abuse in our communities and methods to combat abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. Registration is free and it is open to the public.

Alamo Regional Transit

- Will be hosting a roundtable discussion with City of New Braunfels stakeholders in June, to continue promoting micro transit and mobile app

External Affairs & Communications

- Partnering with the SA Food Bank to begin the second round of meetings in our rural counties.
 - First quarter meetings with county stakeholders identified particular needs, and this quarter the teams will work to bring together the right service providers to address those needs.

Intellectual & Developmental Disability Services

- Our IDD Apprentices graduated from their programs on Thursday, May 19th. The positive feedback on our apprenticeship program has generated interest in future apprenticeships with Toyotetsu, Security Services Federal Credit Union, and a potential grant opportunity in partnership with City of San Antonio, Workforce Development Office
- Presented IDD Recognition & Response Training to the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office on May 9th & 10th

Military & Veterans Affairs

- Veterans Directed: We are currently serving 536 veterans!
- We are in discussions with the VA for an expansion of the Veterans Directed service area to expand services to Del Rio
- The Rides4Vets grant will end June 30th; we are prepared to support the program through our unrestricted dollars generated in the Veterans Directed program. This item will come to the Board for consideration in June
- Working on developing a mobile app for the TVN application process

- Will McKnight, our MVA Director, will serve as the Guest speaker at the TAMSA Veteran Cord Ceremony

Natural Resources

- Lyle will be providing an update from the Air Quality Committee later in the agenda, and requesting approval for a Comment Letter to EPA, regarding Bexar County nonattainment status.
 - AACOG and TCEQ will be hosting a meeting for stakeholders within Bexar County to solicit ideas about how we can achieve VOC reductions required under the moderate nonattainment designation.
- **PACE:** Second PACE project closed at 407 Paris in Castroville. It's a small project but hopefully the first of several in downtown Castroville in the near future.

Public Safety

Regional Services

- Planning & Zoning Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd from 10A-4P
- Elected Officials Workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 24th from 10A-4P
- Both workshops are co-sponsored by Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal & Zech. Online registration will begin in June.

Environmental Conservation

Weatherization Assistance Program

- Weatherization staff members attended the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies Annual Conference on May 18th – 20th

C. Organizational and General Administration Updates:

Building Update

- As I'm sure you've already noticed, our new Board Room furniture has been installed and we believe it makes a great improvement to the layout and functionality of the board room.

We are also pleased to report that we have finally closed on the adjacent one acre motor bank property. The acquisition of this property enhances the Titan Complex's value by adding the potential for another approximately 100 parking spaces as well as offering the opportunity for future development.

Last week, the engineering firm retained to conduct the Investment Grade Audit and energy assessment of the Titan Buildings was on site to evaluate our lighting costs and energy savings potential. The engineering staff had previously assessed the state of our HVAC system and energy management systems. The project is moving along on schedule and we are expecting to find numerous areas where

AACOG can reduce its energy consumption, which is a major operational cost of the buildings.

The elevators at the Titan building continue to present challenges as they are continually down for repairs. Fortunately, we will be coming to you today with an agenda item for the refurbishment and modernization of the elevators to ensure many years of reliable service.

**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.

9. Consider and act upon the recommendation to approve the April 27, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
10. Consider and act upon the recommendation to approve the April 2022 Financial Summary - Julio Elizondo
 - A. Financial Dashboard
 - B. Combined Balance Sheet
 - C. Combined Revenue & Expenditures
 - D. Administrative Budgets
11. Agency Contract Performance Report - Diane Rath
12. Consider and act upon the recommendation from the Bexar Senior Advisory Committee (BSAC) for approval of BSAC Alternate Member nomination. - Jo Ann Tobias-Molina

Moved by Mayor Mary Dennis, seconded by Luana Buckner, to approve the Consent Agenda items # 9 through 12 as one motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

New Business

13. Consider and act upon on the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for modernization of the elevators at the Titan Building in the approximate amount of \$435,000. – Cliff Herberg

Moved by James Hasslocher, seconded by Commissioner Marialyn Barnard, to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for modernization of the elevators at the Titan Building in the approximate amount of \$435,000. This item will need a budget amendment. The motion carried.

Vote: 25 - 0

Other: Jim Wolverton, Alt. for Judge Kutscher (ABSTAIN)

14. Consider and act upon the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to accept funding in the approximate amount of \$53,000 for the Section 5304 State funds for Lead

Planning Agencies for implementing the Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning program. This item will need an amendment to the FY22 budget. – Tom Logan

Moved by Judge Richard Evans, seconded by Judge Chris Schuchart, to authorize the Executive Director to accept funding in the approximate amount of \$53,000 for the Section 5304 State funds for Lead Planning Agencies for implementing the Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning program. This item will need an amendment to the FY22 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

15. Consider and act upon the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to accept funding in the approximate amount of \$1,400,000 for the Section 5339 Discretionary and Formula funding awards for fleet replacement. This item will need an amendment to the FY22 budget. – Tom Logan

Moved by Mayor John Williams, seconded by Judge Richard Evans, to authorize the Executive Director to accept funding in the approximate amount of \$1,400,000 for the Section 5339 Discretionary and Formula funding awards for fleet replacement. This item will need an amendment to the FY22 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

16. Consider and act upon the recommendation to ratify a Request for Quote (RFQ) for the purchase of up to 5 ADA compliant revenue vehicles and authorize the executive director to expend up to \$500,000 from the AACOG/ART fund balance to fund the purchase. This item will require a budget amendment. - Tom Logan

Moved by Commissioner Marialyn Barnard, seconded by James Hasslocher, to approve the recommendation to ratify a Request for Quote (RFQ) for the purchase of up to 5 ADA compliant revenue vehicles and authorize the executive director to expend up to \$500,000 from the AACOG/ART fund balance to fund the purchase. This item will require a budget amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

17. Consider and act upon the recommendation to accept annual Department of Energy (DOE) funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program in the amount not to exceed \$650,000 for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This does not require a budget amendment. - Alicia Penalver

Moved by Judge Chris Schuchart, seconded by Mayor Suzanne de Leon, to accept annual Department of Energy (DOE) funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program in the amount not to exceed \$650,000 for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This does not require a budget amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

18. Consider and act upon the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to submit proposals for grant writing services for local governments in the Alamo Area and to enter into interlocal agreements (ILA); and to ratify the submission of a proposal in response to Frio County's RFP for Grant Writing Services. - Claudia Mora

Moved by Judge Richard Evans, seconded by James Hasslocher, to authorize the Executive Director to submit proposals for grant writing services for local governments in the Alamo Area and to enter into interlocal agreements (ILA); and to ratify the submission

of a proposal in response to Frio County's RFP for Grant Writing Services. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

19. Consider and act upon the recommendation to adopt a Resolution to recognize the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in the AACOG Region -- Jo Ann Tobias-Molina

Moved by Judge Chris Schuchart, seconded by Commissioner Donnie Schuch, Alt. for Judge Mark Stroehler, to adopt a Resolution to recognize the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in the AACOG Region. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

20. Consider and act upon the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to release a Request for Applications (RFA) for Area Agencies on Aging services (such as residential repair, income support, personal assistance, caregiver respite) and execute contracts with selected vendors. - Jo Ann Tobias-Molina

Moved by Luana Buckner, seconded by Jim Wolverton, Alt. for Judge Kutscher, to authorize the Executive Director to release a Request for Applications (RFA) for Area Agencies on Aging services (such as residential repair, income support, personal assistance, caregiver respite) and execute contracts with selected vendors. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

21. Briefing presented to the AACOG Board on a potential grant application by the Alamo Area Development Corporation for the Department of Labor's Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Development Center grant in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.00. - Jacob Ulczynski

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

Committee Reports

22. Consider and act upon the recommendation from the Air Quality Committee to submit comments to the EPA in response to its announced intent to reclassify Bexar County as moderate nonattainment under the 2015 ozone NAAQS. - Lyle Hufstetler

Moved by Judge Rob Kelly, seconded by Judge Chris Schuchart, to approve the recommendation from the Air Quality Committee to submit comments to the EPA in response to its announced intent to reclassify Bexar County as moderate nonattainment under the 2015 ozone NAAQS. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 26 - 0

23. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at AACOG.
24. There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Teal adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Approved:

Jim Teal Chair,

Date

AACOG Board of Directors
county Judge, McMullen County