



**Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Meeting Minutes  
NCTCOG Metroplex Conference Room / MS Teams**

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**April 15, 2026**

**9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Pledge to United States and Texas Flags**

EPPC Council

**Welcome New Members & Opening Remarks**

Ray Richardson, EPPC Chair

- New/Returning Members were introduced:
- 15,000-29,999- Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Elder, City of Colleyville
- 50,000-99,999- Mayor Pro Tem Crystal Chism, City of DeSoto
- 100,000-169,999- Councilmember Patrick Kelly, City of Lewisville
- 100,000-169,999- Mayor Steve Babick, City of Carrollton
- 170,000-249,999- Mayor Bill Cox, City of McKinney
- 1,000,000+- Councilmember Charles Lauersdorf, City of Fort Worth

**Roll Call**

Shelly Pollock, NCTCOG

- In person and online attendance taken

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

*Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of (3) minutes per speaker is permitted. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.*

**Administrative Business**

Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- Regional Service Excellence Awards
  - Nominations open April 15-May 8
  - A review committee will rank nominations May 11-20 and will meet on May 21 at 10 AM to finalize the top 5.
  - The winners will be recognized at the June 10 meeting.
- Alternates & Code of Conduct
  - Members who need an Alternate or sign a Code of Conduct will receive an email notification.

**Information Items**

- 2025 SHSP Update Justin Cox, NCTCOG
  - The State received letter a month ago confirming the award, but FEMA has not released the funds.
  - The total is \$1.7 million.
  - There is a 3-yr performance period.
  - All projects submitted will be funded.

- 2026 SHSP Update Justin Cox, NCTCOG
  - We expect normal funding, but a budget has not passed so we don't know what the regional level funding will be.
  - Justin will submit projects to the OOG by Monday.
- SERI Grant Update Justin Cox, NCTCOG
  - The EPPC Chairs approved the Palo Pinto project, the project the Interop committee and the Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) recommended to fund.
  - The next SERI grant is scheduled for 2028.
- Recommendations from OOG Contract Review Justin Cox, NCTCOG
  - There is an AAR meeting tomorrow to discuss what needs to change in EPPC/REPAC by-laws and practices.
  - The most difficult recommendation to work with is the Conflict-of-Interest language. There will be an ongoing discussion with the OOG regarding this.
  - The recommendations resulting from the AAR meeting will be reviewed at June meeting.
- THIRA/SPR Update Justin Cox, NCTCOG
  - Both documents were completed in December and uploaded to the EP portal.
  - A cyber security scenario was added to THIRA.
  - There will be meeting in August for this year's update.
  - These are 3-year documents.
  - A Regional Implementation Plan is due this year, which will tell the State how we are using 2025 grants to close gaps in the region.

### COG Updates / Announcements

NCTCOG Staff

- Maribel gave an update:
  - We continue to charge to 2025 codes and will be reimbursed when grants are released.
  - There are many educational public events scheduled for the near future, teaming up with local community partners.
  - A Resiliency conference is being planned for April 2027.
  - The Department of Energy grant has been on hold for a few months but it should be reinstated soon.
  - Marcie is working on the FIFA Public Safety grant, \$51 million to our region.
  - Non-Profit Security grant – Marcie and committee will score, the region has had increased funding over past 5 yrs, currently there are over 200 applications.
  - The Critical Infrastructure grant is open and we are trying to schedule a meeting with CISA by the end of April to look at the critical infrastructure in our region.

### Upcoming Events

REPAC Meeting	May 6, 2026
Regional Service Excellence Award Nomination Deadline	May 8, 2026
Texas Emergency Management Conference; Fort Worth, TX	May 26-29, 2026
National Homeland Security Conference; Louisville, KY	Aug 10-12, 2026

### Transportation Updates

- Maribel announced that a Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) TCEQ grant for heavy duty vehicles and equipment is open. There is a TERP Rebate Grants Program webinar on April 21. Fill out the webinar form by April 20. This grant came out through the NCTCOG Transportation department.

### **Member Comments**

### **Resources**

EPPC Roster

Emergency Preparedness: [www.nctcog.org/ep/](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/)

State Training Website: [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org)

**Meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM**

### **Next Meeting**

June 10, 2026

NCTCOG Transportation Council Room

Networking: 9:00 AM

Meeting: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM