

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — March 23, 2023

Transportation Council Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The presiding officer, President Piel, was present at the physical location, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, which was open to the public during all open portions of the meeting.

President Piel called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:45 pm on March 23, 2023. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Andrew Piel | 9. Clyde Hairston |
| 2. Bill Heidemann | 10. Clay Jenkins |
| 3. Chris Hill | 11. Todd Little |
| 4. David Sweet | 12. Linda Martin |
| 5. Rick Carmona (Virtual) | 13. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 6. J.D. Clark | 14. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 7. Jorja Clemson | 15. Tim O'Hare |
| 8. Janet DePuy (Virtual) | 16. Victoria Neave Criado (Virtual) |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Carlos Flores
2. Victoria Johnson

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Molly Rendon, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Chris Klaus, Lori Clark, Brett Ogletree, Randy Richardson, Lisa Sack, April Leger, Berrien Barks, Samuel Simmons, Jesse Brown, and Daniel Snyder

Visitors Present:

Rob Barthen | Grant Works

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Piel opened the meeting for public comment and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak. There being no one, he proceeded with the meeting.

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

President Piel stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the February Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Judge Clark (seconded by Mayor Heidemann), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the February Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution Amending Authorization of FY2023 Purchases of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services for the Agency

Brett Ogletree, Information Security Officer, requested Board authorization amending the FY2023 purchase of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services, in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000. The original plan was approved by the Executive Board in September 2022 in the amount of \$4,450,000. The changes will account for security improvements related to Network Access Control (NAC), our Risk Management Framework, website migrations, and Revenue and Project Tracking System (RAPTS) contractor development. The proposed vendor allocations will be adjusted as follows:

Category	Vendor(s)	Original Authorization	Requested Authorization	Change in Authorization
Security Software, Services, and Hardware: Includes funds for the maintenance, support, and associated services for security hardware and software. Typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement.	Carahsoft, ePlus, Kudelski Security, SHI, General Datatech, Optiv	\$512,000	\$642,000	\$130,000
Microsoft Software Support Services: Includes the cost of the Microsoft annual support contract, and consulting services on Microsoft technologies such as System Center Configuration Manager, SQL Database software, Office 365, and Windows Server. Typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement.	Microsoft, Planet Technologies, SHI	\$300,000	\$500,000	\$200,000
Web/Application Development Software and Services: Includes funds for the maintenance, support, and associated services for web and application development. Typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement and/or existing services contract.	BlueModus, Eixsys, SHI, Webhead	\$360,000	\$780,000	\$420,000

The projects funded by these adjustments will reduce our current attack surface, enhance RAPTS functionality, simplify future upgrades, patching, and support by migrating non-standard and legacy environments to current foundational technologies.

Exhibit: 2023-03-02-RIS

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing the Greenville Workforce Center Lease Extension

Phedra Redifer, Director of Workforce Development, requested Board authorization for a lease extension between NCTCOG and Hunt County for the Greenville Workforce Center, for a two (2) year term and at an average price per square foot not to exceed \$20.12 (including base rent, taxes, insurance, common area maintenance and electric but excluding janitorial amounts). She explained that the center's current seven (7) year lease term is scheduled to end on May 31, 2023, and encompasses 9,141 square feet of office space at a price of \$19.14 per square foot (excluding janitorial services). She further explained that staff recommended the (2) two-year extension instead of a longer term to allow for post-pandemic customer traffic patterns to stabilize and for staff to develop a strategic and comprehensive approach to where and how many stand-alone centers are located throughout the 14-County region. The current location is favorable due to the favorable price, location, square footage, and termination option with 90-day notice to the landlord.

Exhibit: 2023-03-03-WD

Judge Jenkins entered the meeting.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Hairston (seconded by Judge Little), and unanimous vote of all members present, the

Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing Agreements with the Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA WX) Program

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board authorization to enter in agreements with the Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA WX) program, as represented by the University of Massachusetts/Amherst (UMass) and Colorado State University (CSU), for two new 5-year agreements in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$1,180,000.00. She explained that the Executive Board authorized agreements with CASA in May 2011 and subsequent extensions of the agreements were authorized with a combined funding cap of \$1,500,000, which will be reached soon. CASA WX installs, operates, and maintains a system of weather radars in North Central Texas, providing time-sensitive, high-resolution weather data at neighborhood precisions levels to member jurisdictions and regional partners. Agreement deliverables are contingent on the availability of funds received through the CASA WX membership program and private sector donations, facilitated by the NCTCOG Emergency Preparedness Department.

Exhibit: 2023-03-04-EP

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Clemson (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 5 Resolution Endorsing an Agreement with Tarrant County College District for Urban Search and Rescue Training and Exercises

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, asked the Board to endorse an agreement between NCTCOG and Tarrant County College District (TCCD) to provide Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) training and exercises, required by the homeland security grant program, for a maximum five (5) year term and in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The State Homeland Security Grant Program project is 100% funded with no local cost-share or match requirements. Current year funding for this project was approved and accepted by the Executive Board in September 2022; however, this ILA with TCCD will span over several grant years.

Exhibit: 2023-03-05-EP

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Clemson (seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 6 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for Receipt of Funds from the US Department of Energy

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter into agreements with the Department of Energy's (DOE) contracting agents and accept funding in the amount of approximately \$750,000 to support the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) Coalition Program over an anticipated five-year period. He explained that the DOE originally designated the Coalition in 1995, and it has always been housed and supported by NCTCOG. The Coalition was last redesigned in 2019. This initiative focuses on improving energy efficiency and reducing negative air quality impacts of transportation with emphasis on supporting transition to zero-emission vehicles. The DOE is proposing to provide funding to support one year of work beginning April 2023, with options to extend for four additional years, with no local match required.

Exhibit: 2023-03-06-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Hairston (seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Submittal to Federal Railroad Administration Corridor Identification and Development Program

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to submit the Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor application under the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development (ID) Program and for receipt of any funds that may be awarded which could be up to \$500,000. The Corridor ID Program is designed to facilitate the development of intercity passenger rail corridors, to establish a

pipeline of intercity rail projects, and to guide future project development and capital investments. Mr. Morris explained that the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved submission of this corridor for this application in February 2023. Judge Little commented that landowners whose property would be affected by this proposed project needed to be treated fairly and have their needs accommodated to the greatest degree possible.

Exhibit: 2023-03-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Pro Tem DePuy (seconded by Mayor Heidemann), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Agreements with TxDOT for NCTCOG to Provide Technical Assistance to the TxDOT Dallas and Fort Worth Districts

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for technical assistance activities to support the TxDOT Dallas and Fort Worth Districts in the total amount of \$600,000 (\$300,000 for each district). These new agreements would extend through August 31, 2025, and will assist with activities such as forecasting, feasibility studies, environmental analyses, and other activities as requested.

Exhibit: 2023-03-08-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Hairston (seconded by Councilmember Clemson), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 9 Announcement of the President's 2023 Executive Board Nominating

President Piel presented a list of NCTCOG Past Presidents whom he has requested to serve on the 2023 Executive Board Nominating Committee. He explained that the current President serves as Chair of this Committee which is charged with qualifying nominees and recommending a slate of Officers and Board Members for 2023-2024. This recommended slate will be proposed for election at the Annual General Assembly Meeting to be held June 30, 2023, at the Hurst Conference Center.

Item 10 Status Report on Draft Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement between the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Regional Transportation Council, and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Concerning the Cotton Belt Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, provided a status report on an Interlocal Agreement between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) concerning the Cotton Belt Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail. He explained that the DART Silver Line rail project is coordinating a parallel regionally significant Cotton Belt Regional Veloweb Trail ("Trail") corridor that will connect seven cities (Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Grapevine, Plano, and Richardson) across three counties (Tarrant, Dallas, and Collin). The Trail is currently under design and will primarily run parallel to the Silver Line from the DART Plano Shiloh Station on the east to the future DFW Through Station on the west. The Trail construction will be funded with a combination of federal and local funds and will occur in three phases both before and after the beginning of the Silver Line rail revenue service. Execution of the proposed ILA will be requested from the Board at a future meeting.

Exhibit: 2023-03-10-TR

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 11 Old and New Business

There was no old or new Business.

Item 12 Attendance and Calendar

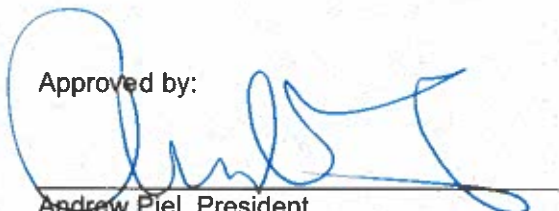
The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

Item 13 Aging Program Status Report and Discussion on Dementia Friendly North Central/East Texas

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging, gave a presentation on Dementia Friendly North Central/East Texas. She explained that more than 120,000 people in North Central/East Texas are living with dementia, of which 85% are community-dwelling. She provided background information that the grant was awarded from the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living and assists people and caregivers with dementia and serves the 28-county area encompassing North Central and East Texas. Resource information can be found at <https://www.nctcog.org/aging-services/dementia-friendly> and <https://www.nctcog.org/aging-services/dementia-friendly/resources-for-people-with-memory-loss-and-family-caregivers>.

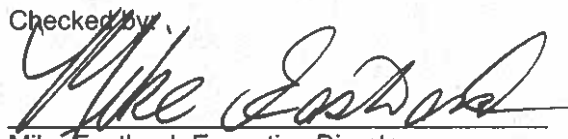
President Piel adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm.

Approved by:



Andrew Piel, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Arlington

Checked by:



Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments