

# NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — May 25, 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 May 25, 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      | 8. Clay Jenkins     |
| 2. Bill Heidemann   | 9. Victoria Johnson |
| 3. David Sweet      | 10. Todd Little     |
| 4. Rick Carmona (V) | 11. Linda Martin    |
| 5. J.D. Clark       | 12. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 6. Jorja Clemson    | 13. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 7. Clyde Hairston   | 14. Tim O'Hare      |

### Members of the Board Absent:

1. Chris Hill
2. Carlos Flores
3. Victoria Neave Criado

### Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Molly Rendon, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tim McLain, Randy Richardson, Jonathan Blackman, Brian Lister, Chris Klaus, Angela Alcedo, Lori Clark, Donna Coggeshall

### Visitors Present:

Lauren Trimble | Dallas County; Rob Barthen | GrantWorks

## 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 April Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Judge Sweet), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the April Executive Board meeting.

**Item 2 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with a Public Accounting Firm for Audit and Advisory Services**

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, requested Board authorization to enter into contractual agreements with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP for audit and advisory services for a maximum five (5) year term and in a total amount not to exceed \$916,000.00 She explained that a competitive procurement for independent audit and advisory services was conducted and five (5) proposals in response to the solicitation were received. Upon evaluation by an evaluation committee, Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP is recommended. She further explained that the Audit committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss the selection.

Exhibit: 2023-05-02-AA

*Judge Little entered the meeting.*

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

**Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment and Additional Staff for Training & Development Institute (TDI)**

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, requested Board authorization increasing the Training & Development Institute (TDI) Fiscal Year 2023 budget by an amount of \$75,000, resulting in an amended budget total of \$338,100. Additionally, she requested one (1) full-time equivalent position. She explained that TDI facilitates and hosts training programs for the NCTCOG region encompassing focus areas such as Public Works, Public Safety, Planning & Development, Public Management, Contracts & Purchasing, and Public Finance. Staff believe these changes will assist TDI in meeting the increased demand for quality, municipally focused training within the NCTCOG region and beyond.

Exhibit: 2023-05-03-AA

*Councilmember Mendelsohn entered the meeting.*

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

**Item 4 Resolution Approving the North Central Texas Area Plan Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026**

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging, requested Board approval for the North Central Texas Area Plan Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026. She explained the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), is required by the Older Americans Act of 1965 to develop multi-year area plans for its service area that provides, administers, and coordinates health and social services for persons aged 60 and over and their family caregivers. Similarly, the Texas Health and Human Services Commissions (HHSC) requires the multi-year plans for funding, delivery, administration and coordination of health and human services. The three-year plan covers the 14 counties surrounding Dallas and Tarrant Counties and has been approved by the Regional Aging Advisory Committee.

Exhibit: 2023-05-04-AG

*Judge Jenkins entered the meeting.*

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

**Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Fiscal Year 2023 Supplemental Allocations for Aging Nutrition and Transportation Services**

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging, requested Board approval to increase the budgets for home-delivered meals, congregate meals, and transportation services by approximately \$3.3 million utilizing American Rescue Act and Nutrition Services Incentive Program funds. She explained in 2019, the Board previously authorized agreements with fifteen (15) nutrition and transportation subrecipients that had been selected through a Call for Partners and to pass through Title III funds, consistent with its funding formula that was also approved by the Board. She further explained that since these authorizations, NCTCOG has been allocated American



Rescue Act funds and wishes to budget these funds to AAA nutrition and transportation services during Fiscal Year 2023. Additionally, supplemental allocations to existing Title III nutrition and transportation services subrecipients, based on the previously approved funding formulas, was requested with actual funding determined by subrecipients' productivity.

Exhibit: 2023-05-05-AG

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

**Item 6 Resolution Authorizing Applications to Federal Highway Administration Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to submit applications to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, which provides grants to fund up to 80 percent of the total project cost to deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging and other alternative fueling infrastructure in urban and rural communities in publicly accessible locations, including alternative fuel corridors, downtown areas and local neighborhoods, particularly in underserved and disadvantaged communities. Both applications have been approved by the Regional Transportation Council.

Staff proposes to apply to the grant program as follows:

- **Community Program Application** – maximum award of \$15 million federal funds and \$3.75 million of local match from local partners to implement up to 100 EV charging stations region-wide. Specialized technical teams familiar with requirements related to permitting, zoning, codes, Buy America, and the National Environmental Policy Act will add value to the FHWA application by streamlining and expediting implementation and ensure timely project implementation. Up to five percent of the awarded funds will be reserved for educational activities to support high utilization of the infrastructure. The required non-federal contribution of 20% of the project cost is expected to be provided by the local governments or contracted private entities for the community grant.
- **Corridor Program Application** – approximately \$103 million (approximately \$82.4 million federal funds and \$20.6 million local match from contracted private entities). Upon proposals that were solicited and reviewed, with the intent to develop a public-private partnership proposal to FHWA, NCTCOG plans to partner with Pilot Travel Centers LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$70 million in FHWA funds (no more than 80 percent of project costs) and approximately \$17.6 million required non-federal contribution (at least 20 percent of project costs) to implement up to five hydrogen refueling sites. NCTCOG also plans to partner with PACCAR, Inc. to implement one EV charging site for medium- and heavy-duty trucks in an amount not to exceed \$12 million in FHWA funds (no more than 80 percent of project costs) and approximately \$3 million required non-federal contribution (at least 20 percent of project costs). NCTCOG intends to retain \$500,000 in federal funds to cover administrative costs associated with implementing the project. The non-federal contribution must be provided by the contracted private entities for the corridor grant and would be sufficient to cover the required match for administrative costs.

Exhibit: 2023-05-06-TR

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

**Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Consultant Contract with Halff Associates to Implement the North Oak Cliff Engineering Study and Support the Upper Trinity River Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Project**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter a contract between NCTCOG and Halff Associates to perform the North Oak Cliff Conceptual Engineering Study and support the Upper Trinity River Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,550,000. He explained that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued, reviewed, and evaluated by the Consultant Selection Committee. Halff Associates was the only firm that submitted a proposal in response to the RFP. The Consultant Selection Committee recommended Halff Associates for this project. The purpose of this project is to apply lessons learned

from previous approaches that have resulted in flooded roadways, neighborhoods, and critical infrastructure, and to assist communities with an approach to efficiently minimize these impacts before they occur.

Exhibit: 2023-05-07-TR

*Judge O'Hare and Judge Sweet left the meeting.*

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

### **STATUS REPORTS:**

**Item 8                    Status Report - Presentation of 2023 Current Population Estimates**

Brian Lister, Senior Research Data Analyst, presented the *2023 Current Population Estimates* for the North Central Texas region. The report included estimated population totals for all cities over 1,000 in population, and for each of the 16 counties. The U.S. 2020 Census base-year figures and revised estimates for 2022 were also provided as part of the presentation. NCTCOG's population estimates are often cited and are recognized for their coverage, timeliness, and uniqueness.

Exhibit: 2023-05-08-RIS

*Judge Sweet returned to the meeting.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Item 9                    Old and New Business**

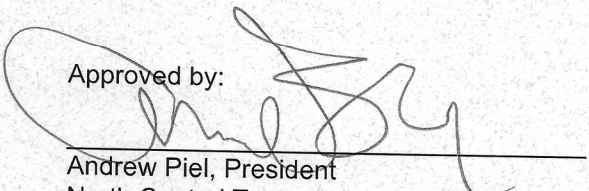
Mike Eastland commended the staff on their presentations and knowledge for our 16 county memberships. Additionally, he announced the General Assembly slated for June 30, 2023.

**Item 10                  Attendance and Calendar**

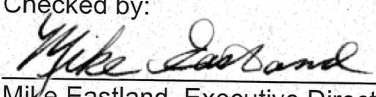
The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

President Piel adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Approved by:

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

Checked by:

  
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Mike Eastland, Executive Director  
North Central Texas Council of Governments