

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Minutes — March 27, 2025

William J. Pitstick Conference Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as an in-person meeting. The presiding officer, President Hill, 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 Hill called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 10:15 am on March 27, 2025. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Chris Hill | 9. Brandon J. Huckabee |
| 2. Victoria Johnson | 10. Clay Jenkins |
| 3. Jennifer Justice | 11. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 4. Bill Heidemann | 12. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 5. David Bristol | 13. Tim O'Hare |
| 6. Carlos Flores | 14. Kameron Raburn |
| 7. T.J. Gilmore | 15. Nick Stanley |
| 8. Rick Horne | |

Members of the Board Absent:

16. Bowie Hogg
17. Todd Little
18. Victoria Neave Criado

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Susan Alvarez, Tim Barbee, Michael Morris, Phedra Redifer, Randy Richardson, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Jon Blackman, Lisa Sack, Carmen Morones, D. Kessler, April Leger, Jessie Shadowens-James

Visitors Present:

none

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Hill 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.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items 1 - 9 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

Item 2 Resolution Approving Revisions to the Internal Compliance Program
Board approval was requested to approve the revised March 2025 Internal Compliance Program (ICP). The proposed changes were presented to the Audit Committee prior to the Executive Board meeting on February 27, 2025. The Audit Committee made further recommendations, which have been incorporated into the ICP. The agency-wide ICP contains compliance standards and procedures that NCTCOG employees and agents are expected to follow.

Item 3

Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Solutions
Board authorization was requested to enter contractual agreements with various vendors for advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) solutions through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program. The contracts will retain the services of firms that offer Water Utility Equipment, Products and Supplies, Installation and Repair, Professional Services, and Ancillary Goods.

Vendors being awarded are as follows:

- AV Water Technologies, LLC
- Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, dba Ferguson Waterworks
- Fortiline, Inc., dba Fortiline Waterworks
- GHD, Inc.
- Holisus LLC, dba Holistic Utility Solutions
- HPS, LLC
- Metron-Farnier, LLC
- RTS Water Solutions, LLC
- Sustainability Partners, LLC
- TMG Utility Advisory Services, Inc. dba TMG Consulting, Inc.
- Vanguard Utility Service, Inc.

Item 4

Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Solar Energy Consulting Services

Board authorization was requested to enter a five-year contractual agreement with various vendors for solar energy consulting services through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program. The contracts will retain services of firms that offer Energy Assessments, Site Analysis, Permitting and Compliance, Installation Oversight, Financial Analysis, Maintenance and Troubleshooting, and other Ancillary Services.

Vendors being awarded are as follows:

- Eco Motion, Inc.
- Holisus, LLC dba Holistic Utility Solutions
- Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc.

Item 5

Resolution to Accept and Acknowledge Receipt of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024

Board approval was requested to accept and acknowledge the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and single audit reports for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. These reports were presented to the Audit Committee last month and brought to the Board for review. Approval of this item was delayed until this month to allow Board members additional time to review the report.

Item 6

Resolution Endorsing the 2024 International Codes and Regional Code Amendments

The Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), NCTCOG's advisory committee, has reviewed and approved regional amendments to the following 2024 codes: International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Existing Building Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, and the International Energy Conservation Code. Board endorsement was requested for the adoption of these amended 2024 codes by all cities and counties in the North Central Texas region. The regional amendment to the 2024 International Fire Code will be brought to the Executive Board for action and endorsement at a future date. The draft amendment package can be viewed at <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/regional-building-codes/amendments>.

Item 7

Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Police Training Facilitator Services

Board authorization was requested by the Regional Police Academy (RPA) to enter an 8-year, \$782,000 contract with Beast Camp Training, LLC for Police Training Facilitator Services. These services will provide instruction, training, and preparation for basic police recruits to become state-licensed peace officers. All courses are certified for Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) credit and cover topics such as teaching police-related courses, identifying and recruiting instructors, developing course content, writing student performance appraisals, and conducting physical fitness training. Additional duties include instructing in-service training, facilitating group discussions and practical exercises, and developing class and training schedules as part of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy training program.

Item 8

Resolution Authorizing Agreements for Federal Transit Administration Formula Funding

Board authorization was requested to enter into agreements with subrecipients for \$5,865,297 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. These FTA funds were approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and are available for NCTCOG to utilize and pass through for local public transit providers. A combination of local funds and Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) will be used as a match for capital projects, consistent with RTC actions and transit provider needs.

Details and funding are listed below.

Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307)

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area			
Subrecipient	Federal	TDCs	Local Funds
FY2022			
STAR Transit (Kaufman, Rockwall, and Dallas Counties)	\$ 340,000	-	\$ 340,000
FY2023			
Span Transit (Denton County)	\$ 362,788	-	\$ 362,788
FY2024			
STAR Transit (Kaufman, Rockwall, and Dallas Counties)	\$ 220,422	44,085	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 923,210	44,085	\$ 702,788

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310)

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area			
Subrecipient	Federal	TDCs	Local Funds
FY2017			
STAR Transit (Kaufman, Rockwall, and Dallas Counties)	\$ 76,543	15,309	\$ -
FY2019			
Span Transit (Denton County)	\$ 1,326,118	265,224	\$ -
FY2020			
Span Transit (Denton County)	\$ 1,601,756	320,352	\$ -
FY2021			
Span Transit (Denton County)	\$ 152,126	30,426	\$ -
STAR Transit (Kaufman, Rockwall, and Dallas Counties)	\$ 317,172	-	\$ 79,293
FY2022			
STAR Transit (Kaufman, Rockwall, and Dallas Counties)	\$ 1,308,372	100,934	\$ 200,926
FY2023			
Public Transit Services (Parker and Palo Pinto Counties)	\$ 40,000	8,000	\$ -
Span Transit (Denton County)	\$ 120,000	24,000	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 4,942,087	764,245	\$ 280,219

Grand Total

Program	Federal Funds	TDCs	Local Funds
Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307)	\$ 923,210	44,085	\$ 702,788
Enhanced Mobility (Section 5310)	\$ 4,942,087	764,245	\$ 280,219
TOTAL	\$ 5,865,297	808,330	\$ 983,007

Item 9 Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Board approval was requested to appoint Lance Randall, Deputy Director of Economic Development, City of Fort Worth, to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD). Mr. Randall will fill the seat in the >500,000 Population category for a three-year term. The NCTEDD Board oversees the region's Economic Development District, which is administered and staffed by NCTCOG. The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) designated this region as a District in December 2016.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Heidemann (seconded by Councilmember Horne), to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 9, and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the Consent Agenda Items as posted.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Item 10 Announcement of the President's 2025 Executive Board Nominating Committee

Judge Hill stated that he wished to delay his appointments to the committee to a future date.

Exhibit: 2025-03-10-EDO

This item was an informational item and did not require a vote.

Item 11 Resolution Appointing a Legislator as an Ex-Officio Member of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, explained that House Bill 2160 became law following the 82nd Session of the State Legislature. The law requires Councils of Governments to offer a non-voting, ex-officio seat on their Executive Boards to a legislator whose district is fully or partially located within their NCTCOG region. Mr. Eastland further detailed the process the Executive Board adopted in January 2013 to fairly and impartially select the legislator to hold this seat, whereby an invitation would be sent to each eligible Senator and Representative in the region, inviting them to submit a letter of interest. In addition, if more than one letter of interest was received, each of the interested Legislator's names would be placed in a drawing, from which one name would be drawn to fill the seat for a term of two years. This year, eleven (11) Representatives submitted letters of interest. The drawing was conducted, and Representative Mitch Little's name was drawn to hold the seat through January 31, 2027.

Exhibit: 2025-03-11-EDO

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

Item 12 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Law Enforcement Training Grant Application to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division

Christy Martinez, Director of Regional Police Academy, requested Board authorization to submit a \$1,554,365 criminal justice grant application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the time period of September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2027. Since its inception in 1968, the NCTCOG Regional Police Academy has provided affordable training for law enforcement and criminal justice personnel through CJD grants. This funding has allowed the academy to keep training fees reasonable, making it more accessible for officers across the region. NCTCOG now seeks to continue this valuable training program to meet the needs of local governments.

Exhibit: 2025-03-12-RPA

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

Item 13 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for the Receipt of Funds for Planning and Implementation Programs from the Texas Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to receive funding from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for planning and implementation programs. This includes Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds, matched with State funds as well as with Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) utilized in lieu of local cash match in the amount of approximately \$51,043,380 (\$40,655,880 STBG + \$5,550,000 CMAQ + \$4,550,000 RTR + \$287,500 State + 9,011,176 in RTC TDCs). Attachment 1 contains a table detailing individual funding agreements.

Exhibit 2025-03-13-TR
Attachment 1

ATTACHMENT 1

Program Title (Non-Construction Projects)	RTC Approval Date	Funding Source	Total Funding Amount (TDCs not included in cash)	Federal/ Regional	Match Amount		Fiscal Year(s) ¹	Program Status
					State	TDC ²		
Air Quality Energy Efficiency Initiatives	6/13/2024	RTR	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$0	-	2026	Ongoing
Air Quality Public Education and Outreach Program	12/12/2024	CMAQ	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 1,050,000	\$0	420,000	2026	Ongoing
		STBG	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 1,050,000				
Arlington Entertainment District Improvements	3/13/2025	RTR	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 2,250,000	\$0	-	2025	New
Automated Transportation System Initiative	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$0	50,000	2026	Ongoing
Drive-Managed Lane System (Technology to Detect & Verify Auto Occupancy)	12/12/2024	STBG	\$ 2,088,000	\$ 2,088,000	\$0	417,600	2026	Ongoing
Land Use Transportation and Bike/Pedestrian Initiatives	12/12/2024	STBG	\$ 3,110,000	\$ 3,110,000	\$0	822,000	2026	Ongoing
Management and Oversight of Regional Safety Program	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 6,070,000	\$ 6,070,000	\$0	1,214,000	2026	Ongoing
Mansfield Line Passenger Rail Study	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$0	200,000	2026	New
Region Wide Employer Trip Reduction Program	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 1,380,300	\$ 1,380,300	\$0	272,060	2026	Ongoing
Regional Air Quality Initiatives	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$0	840,000	2026	Ongoing
Regional Data Hub	12/12/2024	RTR	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$0	-	2026	Ongoing
Regional Geospatial Imagery: Data Collection and Planning	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 1,437,500	\$ 1,150,000	\$287,500	-	2026	Ongoing
Regional Traffic Management Systems (Implement and Operate Traveler Information System, Develop Concept of Operations and Deployment of Transp. Systems...Mobility Assistance Platform)	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 2,765,000	\$ 2,765,000	\$0	553,000	2026	Ongoing
Regional Traffic Signal Retiming	6/13/2024	CMAQ	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$0	900,000	2026	Ongoing
Revenue and Project Tracking System	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 515,000	\$ 515,000	\$0	103,000	2026	Ongoing
Roadway Safety Audits	12/12/2024	STBG	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$0	300,000	2026	New
Special Events Management	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$0	120,000	2026	Ongoing
Staging of Tow Truck Operations Limited Access Facilities in Dallas District	12/12/2024	STBG	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$0	80,000	2026	Ongoing
System Manager Support Services	12/12/2024	STBG	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$0	140,000	2026	Ongoing
Technology and Innovation 3.0	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000	\$0	330,000	2026-2027	Ongoing
Technical Expertise, Assistance for Surface Transportation Planning Projects and Legal Support for Innovative Financing on Transportation and Air Quality Projects	6/13/2024	RTR	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$0	-	2026	Ongoing
Traffic Signal Equipment Standardization and Upgrade Program	3/13/2025	STBG	\$ 5,987,580	\$ 5,987,580	\$0	1,197,516	2026	New
Transit Service within the Southern Dallas Inland Port	3/13/2025	RTR	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$0	-	2025	Ongoing
Transportation Technical Support (Capital Asset Management)	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$0	360,000	2026	Ongoing
Travel Survey and Data Collection, Model Refinement Program	6/13/2024	STBG	\$ 5,480,000	\$ 5,480,000	\$0	1,092,000	2026-2027	Ongoing
			\$51,043,380	\$ 50,765,880	\$287,500	\$,011,176		

¹ Fiscal Year denotes year in which funds are programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program. However, funds may be spent over multiple years depending on project requirements and schedules, pursuant to this authorization.

Prepared for presentation to NCTCOG Executive Board March 2025

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 14 Attendance and Calendar

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

Councilmember Flores entered the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Hill called the Executive Session to order at 10:45 am, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, to conduct interviews for the Executive Director position.

President Hill adjourned the Executive Session at 2:47 pm.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:


President Hill reconvened the regular session at 2:58 pm.

Item 15 Possible Action Resulting from Interviews of Candidates for the Executive Director Position

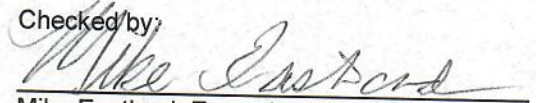
President Hill announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. He thanked Mr. Eastland and the staff for their efforts in the interview process for the Executive Director position. Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Mayor Heidemann) made a motion to appoint Todd Little to the position of Executive Director. The motion passed with Councilmember Justice voting No.

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:02 pm.

Approved by:


Chris Hill, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Collin County

Checked by:


Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments