

# NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — August 28, 2025

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 Johnson, 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 Johnson called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:04 pm on August 28, 2025. Todd Little took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

## Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Victoria Johnson | 7. Gary Hulsey      |
| 2. Jennifer Justice | 8. Clay Jenkins     |
| 3. David Bristol    | 9. Cara Mendelsohn  |
| 4. Carlos Flores    | 10. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 5. T.J. Gilmore     | 11. Tim O'Hare      |
| 6. Bowie Hogg       | 12. Kameron Raburn  |

## Members of the Board Absent:

1. Brandon J. Huckabee
2. Chris Hill
3. Christopher Boedeker
4. Rick Horne
5. Mitch Little

## Members of the Staff Present:

Todd Little, Monte Mercer, Susan Alvarez, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Randy Richardson, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Dan Kessler, Jessie Shadowens-James, Jon Blackman, Maggie Lira, Richard Michael, Lisa Sack, Megan Short, Kelly Schmidt, Donna Coggeshall, April Leger, Jennifer Oliver, Lori Clark, Jacqueline Morales, Shelly Broyles, Hannah Ordonez

## Visitors Present:

Lisa & Alex Trumble, David Kerr | Chair, RCCC; Rob Barthen | GrantWorks; Lauren Trimble | Dallas County; Robert Fite | Fire Chief, Grand Prairie, David Cabrales, April Greenhill

## REGULAR SESSION

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Johnson opened the meeting for public comment and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak. Two members of the public, Lisa and Alex Trumble, commented on Agenda Item #2: Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Public Hazard Alerting Systems.



## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Items 1 - 6 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

**Item 1      Approval of Minutes**

**Item 2      Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Public Hazard Alerting Systems**  
Board approval was requested to award contracts for Public Hazard Alerting Systems to Federal Signal Corporation, LAWS Systems, and BlackBerry Corporation. These contracts, each with a maximum term of five (5) years, will enable the procurement of wireless emergency alert systems, outdoor warning sirens, digital warning signage, and other related technologies and services. The awarded contracts will be made available through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program, allowing public agencies across the United States to access these services within the geographic regions served by the selected vendors.

**Item 3      Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Nearmap to Provide Recurring Aerial and Oblique Imagery Services**  
Board authorization was requested to enter into a contract with Nearmap for aerial and oblique imagery services under the Spatial Data Cooperative Program. The proposed agreement would span up to five years and not exceed \$3,000,000, with funding provided entirely by regional participants. Since 2001, NCTCOG has coordinated cost-sharing efforts to acquire high-quality aerial photography for North Central Texas, and in 2020 began offering subscription-based orthophotography and oblique data services. These services provide six-inch or higher resolution imagery captured two to three times annually, delivered within 30 days of flight. With the current contract set to expire on November 30, 2025, participating entities have requested continuation of the project. Following the closure of RFP #2025-073 on August 4, 2025, Nearmap was selected as the recommended vendor based on evaluation results. Nearmap, a leading global provider of cloud-based geospatial services, is anticipated to begin the new contract in December 2025.

**Item 4      Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Additional Rebate Recipients for the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project**

Board authorization was requested to enter contractual agreements with the following rebate recipients for the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project (NTDERP):

- An agreement between NCTCOG and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for an amount not to exceed \$335,250 in Environmental Protection Agency funds (no more than 45 percent of project costs) and approximately \$409,750 in local contributions (at least 55 percent of project costs) to replace one diesel vehicle with a zero-emission vehicle.
- An agreement between NCTCOG and Delta Air Lines for an amount not to exceed \$379,426 in Environmental Protection Agency funds (no more than 45 percent of project costs) and approximately \$463,744 in local contributions (at least 55 percent of project costs) to replace ten diesel nonroad equipment with newer, zero-emission nonroad equipment.

These projects aim to reduce diesel emissions and noise, benefiting regional air quality and public health. The Regional Transportation Council approved funding for these projects at its August 7, 2025, meeting. Following this allocation, approximately \$560,000 remains available for future funding opportunities under the NTDERP. Executive Board approval is requested to proceed with these agreements as part of NCTCOG's role as RTC's fiscal agent.



Item 5

**Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Feonix Mobility Rising for a Transportation Assistance Hub through the Transit Strategic Partnership Program**

Board authorization was requested to enter a contractual agreement with Feonix Mobility Rising for an amount not to exceed \$705,851, consisting of \$454,648 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds and \$251,203 in local match. The funding will support mobility management services in Southern Dallas and Northern Ellis Counties through a Transportation Assistance Hub. Services will include mobility navigators to connect riders with available transportation options and volunteer drivers to assist mobility-impaired residents and seniors in areas lacking accessible transit. NCTCOG, as the designated recipient of Section 5310 funds in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area, allocates these funds through the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program to address service gaps. Feonix Mobility Rising was selected from the May 2024 project cycle, and the Regional Transportation Council approved funding for the project on October 17, 2024. Executive Board approval is requested to implement the project through NCTCOG in its role as RTC's fiscal agent.

Item 6

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

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Mayor Bristol.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Raburn (seconded by Mayor Gilmore), the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda Items as posted with the exception of Item 6.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

Item 6

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

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Mayor Bristol.

Board approval was requested to appoint Alex Phillips, Economic Development Director for the City of Burleson, to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board. Mr. Phillips will serve a three-year term representing the Johnson County seat. The NCTEDD Board serves as an advisory body to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board and provides guidance for the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG.

Mayor Bristol requested that the record reflect Mary Ann Moon, former Executive Director of the Prosper Economic Development Corporation, is no longer serving in that role or affiliated with the Town of Prosper.

Exhibit: 2025-08-06-EDO

Mayor Bristol made a motion to approve the appointment of Alex Phillips to the NCTEDD Board (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell). By unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the appointment.

Item 7

**Resolution Endorsing the 2024 International Fire Code and Regional Code Amendments**

Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, requested Executive Board endorsement of the recommended regional amendments to the 2024 Edition of the International Fire Code. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), through its Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), has long promoted the standardization of model construction codes to reduce training costs and streamline construction across municipalities. Following open review meetings and final approval by the RCCC on July 15, 2025, the regional amendments are now available for public viewing: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/regional-building-codes/amendments>. The RCCC also seeks the Executive Board's recommendation that all cities in the North Central Texas region adopt the 2024 International Fire Code and corresponding regional amendments to further regional code uniformity.

Mayor Bristol requested the resolution be amended to reflect that all cities and counties in the North Central Texas region consider adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code.

Exhibit: 2025-08-07-ED



Mayor Bristol made a motion to amend the resolution to reflect that all cities and counties in the North Central Texas region consider adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code (seconded by Councilmember Justice). By unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as amended.

**Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Phase 2 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Executive Board authorization to enter into contractual agreements with AirDEX, Inc. (dba ATAA Aviation) and Airspace Link, Inc. to implement Phase 2 of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Airspace Awareness Pilot Program. Each agreement will be in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 over two years, for a total program cost not to exceed \$300,000, funded with Regional Transportation Council Local funds. Phase 2 builds upon the initial pilot by continuing live drone data visibility for residents and businesses, while advancing data-sharing capabilities across platforms, expanding municipal participation, and enhancing interoperability through a unified operating dashboard. The initiative supports the FAA's UTM Key Site goals and aims to improve regional coordination of low-altitude UAS activity. Following a competitive procurement process limited to Phase 1 participants, the Selection Committee recommended both firms for contract award.

Exhibit: 2025-08-08-TR

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

**Item 9 Resolution Approving the FY2026-FY2028 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Update for US Department of Transportation Contracting Opportunities**

Ken Kirkpatrick, General Counsel, requested Executive Board approval of the proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of 8.6 percent for United States Department of Transportation-assisted contracts for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2028. As required by the Federal Transit Administration, NCTCOG updates its DBE Goal every three years. The current goal remains in effect through September 30, 2025. Staff developed the proposed goal based on current federal requirements and concluded the public participation process. The Regional Transportation Council approved the proposed goal at its August 7, 2025 meeting. No substantive changes have been made since the item was presented at the July Executive Board meeting. Executive Board approval is requested in its role as RTC's fiscal agent.

Exhibit: 2025-08-09-TR

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

**Item 10 Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of a Consultant for the NCTCOG Strategic Vision Plan**

Jon Blackman, Assistant Director of Administration, requested Board authorization to initiate a formal procurement process for a consultant to assist in the development of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Strategic Vision Plan through 2050. With the region's population projected to grow from 8.7 million to 12.6 million by 2050, the Strategic Vision Plan will help position NCTCOG to effectively support member governments in addressing regional challenges and opportunities across areas such as infrastructure, workforce development, emergency planning, and services for older adults. The proposed visioning process will be stakeholder-informed and forward-looking, complementing but remaining distinct from the agency's recurring five-year strategic plan. The consultant will facilitate a multi-phase visioning effort, conduct organizational assessments and benchmarking, and deliver a strategic implementation roadmap. Preliminary budget estimates for the project range from \$150,000 to \$250,000, with final costs to be determined through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Upon completion of the evaluation, staff will return to the Executive Board with a recommended consultant and budget for approval.

Exhibit: 2025-08-10-EDO

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Councilmember Flores), and unanimous vote of all



members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### **Item 11 Status Report on Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Annual Fiscal Program**

Randy Richardson, Director of Administration, addressed the Executive Board and reported that the Finance Committee met earlier to review a detailed presentation on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Fiscal Program. Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions of staff. Mr. Richardson provided a condensed version of the presentation to the Board and noted that the item would be brought forward in September for final approval. He then turned the presentation over to Ms. Mendelsohn, Chair of the Finance Committee, who thanked committee members for their participation and commended staff for their work. She noted that while the operation of NCTCOG is complex, the finances are straightforward and transparent, with the proposed budget approximately \$70 million higher than the previous year due to increased federal funds and grants primarily due to transportation related grants. Committee discussions included requests for more information on contracted consultants, a suggestion to consider benchmarking personnel policies through an ad hoc committee, and a proposal to increase the Executive Director's contract signature authority from \$100,000 to \$200,000. While the committee showed strong support for the increase due to reporting mechanisms, the majority of the Board did not favor the change. Additional topics included cash flow management and the adequacy of membership dues. Ms. Mendelsohn concluded by commending the staff for their thorough and well-prepared presentation.

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

*Mayor Gilmore left the meeting and did not return.*

#### **Item 12 Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolver Funds and Regional Transportation Council Local Pool**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, provided a status report on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Revolver funds and Regional Transportation Council Local Pool.

A detailed summary of the status of the Permanent MPO Revolver, the Temporary MPO Revolver, and the RTC Local Fund Pool are below.

##### **RTC LOCAL Accounts (August 8, 2025)**

<b>Permanent MPO Revolver Balance (as of 8/8/2025)</b>	
Permanent MPO Revolver	\$ 7,153,650
Permanent MPO Revolver Interest	\$ 15,000,000
Permanent MPO Revolver Utilization	\$ 508,633
Number of times Permanent Revolver has rotated at a \$15 million cap	\$ 8,354,983
	19.57
<b>Temporary MPO Revolver Balance (as of 8/8/2025)</b>	
Temporary MPO Revolver Receipts	\$ 10,788,733
Temporary MPO Revolver Interest	\$ 10,000,000
Temporary MPO Revolver Utilization	\$ 788,733
	\$ -
<b>RTC Local Fund Pool Balance (as of 8/8/2025)</b>	
RTC Local Fund Receipts	\$ 101,306,069
RTC Local Fund Interest	\$ 95,000,000
Committed Funds	\$ 17,333,041
	\$ 11,026,972
<b>Historical RTC Local Fund Pool Balance (as of 8/8/2025)</b>	
	Fully Committed

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

#### **Item 13 Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Little presented the Executive Director's Report, noting that the Bylaws Committee held its first meeting on August 21, 2025, chaired by Councilmember Justice. He invited Chair Justice to offer remarks. Ms. Justice stated that the initial meeting was good and that key areas were outlined for staff to research and report back at the next



meeting, scheduled for September 16, 2025. The committee aims to prepare a presentation to the Board by January 2026 with the goal of submitting any proposed bylaw amendments to the General Assembly in June. Additionally, Mr. Little announced a change to the open meetings posting requirements, which now mandate three (3) business days' notice instead of the previous 72-hour requirement, effective September 1, 2025.

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

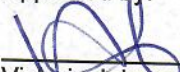
### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

#### **Item 14 Attendance and Calendar**

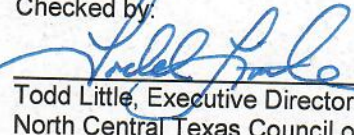
The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance. Mr. Little polled the Board regarding the December business meeting. The consensus was to cancel the December Board meeting.

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:08 pm.

Approved by:

  
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Victoria Johnson, President  
North Central Texas Council of Governments  
Councilmember, City of Burleson

Checked by:

  
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Todd Little, Executive Director  
North Central Texas Council of Governments