

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — August 26, 2021

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

President Sweet called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:46 pm on August 26, 2021.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. David Sweet | 10. Kevin Falconer |
| 2. Andrew Piel | 11. Clyde Hairston |
| 3. Bill Heidemann | 12. Kayci Prince |
| 4. Ray Smith | 13. Glen Whitley |
| 5. Alfonso Campos | |
| 6. Rick Carmona | |
| 7. Jorja Clemson | |
| 8. Michael Crain | |
| 9. Tammy Dana-Bashian | |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Chris Hill
2. Clay Jenkins
3. Cara Mendelsohn
4. Bobbie Mitchell
5. Glenn Rogers

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Molly Rendon, Tim Barbee, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, David Setzer, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Charles Covert, Chris Klaus, Richard Michael, Maggie Lira, Lisa Sack, Randy Richardson, Jonathan Blackman, Prit Patel, Debra Kosarek, Lori Clark, Marcie Bruner

Visitors Present:

Cayler Banks, Director of Public Relations | Representative Glenn Rogers

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Sweet 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.

Mike Eastland stated that the Board is complete with the appointments. Our newest members are Councilmember Michael Crain, City of Fort Worth, and Councilmember Cara Mendelsohn, City of Dallas. He and President Sweet expressed welcoming remarks on behalf of the Executive Board and COG staff.

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

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

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

Item 2 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Law Enforcement Training Grant Application to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) (September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2023)

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, requested Board authorization to submit a law enforcement training grant application to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD), in the amount of approximately \$1,554,365 for the period of September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2023. He explained that the NCTCOG Regional Police Academy (since its inception in 1968) has provided high quality training for law enforcement recruits and seasoned officers through this grant at a low cost and desires to continue a comprehensive law enforcement training program which will fulfill the needs of local governments in North Central Texas. NCTCOG will provide any required matching funds, primarily through tuition fees.

Exhibit: 2021-08-02-AA

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 3 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Gradient Solutions and Weaver and Tidwell, LLP for Risk and Compliance Advisory Services

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, requested Board authorization to enter into contract agreements with Gradient Solutions and Weaver and Tidwell, LLP for Risk and Compliance Advisory Services for maximum five (5) year terms and in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$400,000. She explained that Agency Administration monitors the financial and grant activities of the NCTCOG for compliance and risk mitigation and routinely benefits from fiduciary management assistance from professional third-party providers on an as-needed basis to augment staff.

A Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFP) #2021-057 was received, evaluated, and awarded by a committee comprised of NCTCOG staff.

Exhibit: 2021-08-03-AA

Mayor Pro Tem Prince left the room.

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

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Cyber Security Consulting Services

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, requested authorization from the Board to enter into contract agreements with Stealth-ISS Group Inc., and Plante & Moran, PLLC, for cyber security consulting services for maximum five (5) year terms through the Texas SHARE cooperative purchasing program to prepare entities to appropriately plan for and respond to situations related to Cyber Security. She explained the request originated from NCTCOG's Emergency Preparedness Department on behalf of their Public Safety Cyber Working Group.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) #2021-043 was received, reviewed, and awarded by a committee comprised of members of the Public Safety Cyber Working Group.

Exhibit: 2021-08-04-AA

Mayor Pro Tem Prince returned to the meeting.

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

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the FY2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Funds

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board acceptance of the FY2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Funds, provided under the 2021 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act, to assist the Homeland Security Grants Division of the Office of the Governor and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. The funds will be used to provide planning, equipment, training, and exercise assistance as well as prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities to local governments and first responders throughout the region during the October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2024, performance period. She explained that \$45,000 will be provided through an interlocal agreement with the City of Dallas to assist UASI with grant management and administrative tasks associated with the UASI Grant Program. An additional \$50,000 will be received through an interlocal agreement with the Office of the Governor to serve as a liaison between regional stakeholders and the OOG.

Exhibit: 2021-08-05-EP

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

Item 6 Resolution Endorsing the 2021 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, requested endorsement from the Board for the *2021 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan*. The Plan, funded by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), is updated annually, and supports current and future planning decisions concerning water quality efforts, wastewater infrastructure development, watershed management, and related issues and will be forwarded to TCEQ for approval.

Exhibit: 2021-08-06-ED

Councilmember Piel entered the meeting.

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

Item 7 Resolution Supporting the City of Fort Worth's Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board support for the City of Fort Worth's grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Development Initiative (ATCMTD) Grant Program in the amount of approximately \$14 million, including up to \$2 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). The project will include a variety of connected vehicle technologies and infrastructure upgrades to the North Tarrant Express Corridors Technology Project (I-35W/SH-183) (Project).

Exhibit: 2021-08-07-TR

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

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Federal Transit Administration for the FY2021 Areas of Persistent Poverty Program Grant

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization of a grant application submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the FY2021 Areas of Persistent Poverty Program Grant in the amount of approximately \$650,000 in federal funds, with up to 65,000 regional Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) as local match, to study transit access to food, jobs, healthcare, affordable housing and other needs as identified by the residents of Fort Worth's 76104 zip code. He explained that a study was conducted by UT Southwestern

Medical Center and identified 76104 as having the lowest life expectancy of any zip code in the state. The grant application submission to the FTA was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC).

Exhibit: 2021-08-08-TR

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

Item 9 Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Recipients of Texas Supplemental Environmental Project Funding

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for agreements with the following recipients of the Texas Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Funding, approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC):

- An agreement between NCTCOG and the Kemp ISD in an amount not to exceed \$89,600 in SEP funds (no more than 80 percent of project costs) and a local contribution by Kemp ISD of approximately \$22,400 (at least 20 percent of the project cost)
- An agreement between NCTCOG and the Cedar Hill ISD in an amount not to exceed \$216,000 in SEP funds (no more than 90 percent of project costs) and a local contribution by Cedar Hill ISD of approximately \$24,000 (at least 10 percent of the project cost)

He explained that the North Central Texas Clean School Bus Program (NCTCSB), which has been approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as a third-party SEP initiative, is administered by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG); and through this program, NCTCOG receives funding from penalties assessed by the TCEQ against respondents who have violated certain air quality requirements. The scope of the NCTCOG initiative is to replace old diesel school buses. Registration data was used in identifying school districts in the 10-county ozone nonattainment area that were eligible.

Exhibit: 2021-08-09-TR

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 10 Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, asked the Board to appoint Lynn Spencer to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board to serve a three-year term. She noted that the NCTEDD Board functions as an advisory board to the Executive Board and guides the work of the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG. Ms. Spencer represents the cities of less than 25,000 population category and is recommended by Forney Mayor, Amanda Lewis.

Exhibit: 2021-08-10-EDO

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

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 11 Status Report on EDA Grant Opportunities

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, provided an overview of the U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) \$3 billion in funds Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). She explained the funding notification contains project opportunities in six programs that assist the State and the region with recovery and resiliency from COVID-19 and future disasters, as well as help to position

the region for global economic competitiveness. The series of funding programs, called "Investing in America's Communities" are detailed as follows:

OVERVIEW OF EDA ARPA PROGRAMS			
PROGRAM	NATIONAL	AURO REGION	DESCRIPTION
TRAVEL, TOURISM, & OUTDOOR RECREATION	\$750 MILLION	STATE - TEXAS: \$12,156,922 AURO: 10-15 Grants avg \$1-1.5M/each	Invest in infrastructure, technical assistance, planning, and revolving loan program through competitive grants available to every community.
GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE	\$500 MILLION	No specific Regional Allocation	Establish or strengthen regional systems to train workers with in-demand skills through employer-driven training, supporting participants with wrap-around services and employer commitments to hire. EDA will fund proposals within the following three phases, as applicable to regional needs: 1. System Development: Help establish and develop a regional workforce training system comprised of multiple sector partnerships 2. Program Design: Develop the skills training curriculum and materials, and secure technical expertise needed to train workers 3. Program Implementation: Implement non-construction projects needed to provide workforce training and connect workers with quality jobs, including wrap-around services
BUILD BACK BETTER REGIONAL CHALLENGE	\$1 BILLION	PHASE 1: \$500,000 PER AWARD (no match required) AURO Goal: 10-12 TA Awards PHASE 2: \$25-75M per region; open to up to \$100M (80/20 match) AURO Goal: 5-6 Awards	Seeking transformative projects in economically distressed regions through substantial investment through groups of 3-8 projects. (Region does <u>not</u> have to be the 16-county NCTCOG region) Proposals should include regional coalitions, industry support, and high-impact projects with a shared vision for a regional growth cluster.
ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE	\$500 MILLION ((\$200M of \$500M is committed to Coal Communities)	AURO: 25 - 30 Grants avg \$2 - 2.5M/each	Invest in infrastructure, technical assistance, planning, and revolving loan programs through competitive grants available to every community.
STATEWIDE PLANNING, RESEARCH, & NETWORKS	\$90 MILLION	\$5 MILLION	Invest in economic plans, research to assess the effectiveness of EDA's programs, and support for stakeholder communities around key EDA initiatives.
INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES	\$100 MILLION	AURO: 7 – 10 Grants Avg \$2.5M/each	Additional Economic Adjustment Assistance funds to specifically support Indigenous communities.

* AURO - Austin Region 6 includes Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico

Lucille mentioned that in the past our region historically wasn't eligible for these EDA projects because we hadn't experienced economic decline, flooding, hurricanes, and natural disasters, etc., unlike some of our counterparts. She explained that because of the pandemic, the entire country has been declared Economically Distressed which qualifies us for funding. Lucille mentioned that some of the funding programs are complicated and have various deadlines but that she and Prit Patel are available to help by working through individual project ideas with the communities before the submission to EDA for funding. She further explained that the deadline for funding is September 2022 with a completed project deadline of 2027. Additionally, she stated that information on these programs had been sent to Economic Development Directors as well as City Managers and Planning Professionals within the region. She and Prit are available to speak with the communities and spread the word about and explain the programs available.

Mike Eastland mentioned that COG may try for some of the grant funds as well focusing on technology for the Transportation sector, Environment and Development as well as Emergency Preparedness possibilities, and will likely submit as one application. He stated we are currently working with the City of Terrell, Grand Prairie, Southern Dallas Business Support Center, and Tarleton State University. He explained there will be a lot of competition for the \$3 Billion in funds and that we look at it as an opportunity to expand and enhance some of our programs.

Exhibit: 2021-08-11-EDO

Item 12 Status Report on National Preparedness Month

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness gave a presentation on National Preparedness Month (NPM), recognized each September, that provides an opportunity to remind us that we must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year focusing on planning with an overarching theme: **"Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."** She explained that KnowWhat2Do, our regional public education campaign, exists to educate and empower people in the 16-county North Central Texas Council of Governments region about the tools and resources available to help them prepare for any number of threats specific to this region. The website can be accessed at www.knowwhat2do.com.

Exhibit: 2021-08-12-EP

Item 13 Status Report on a Grant Application to the Meadows Foundation on behalf of the Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts to Expand Coalition Program Efforts

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, gave a status report on the grant application to the Meadows Foundation on behalf of the Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition. The RISE Coalition, formerly known as the North Central Texas Stewardship Forum, exists to collaborate as a group on regional sustainability projects and initiatives. Activities currently under the RISE Coalition's direction include: a regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory, a regional GHG inventory city cohort, development of an emission reduction toolkit framework, hosting meetings, and conducting workshops and educational events. The RISE Coalition's current membership includes the cities of Carrollton, Cedar Hill, Dallas, Denton, Farmers Branch, Fort Worth, Lewisville, Plano, and Tarrant Regional Water District. Additional information can be found on <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>.

Exhibit: 2021-08-13-ED

Item 14 Status Report on Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Annual Fiscal Program

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, presented the proposed Annual Fiscal Program for FY 2022. He explained that a detailed briefing was made to the Finance Committee prior to the regular Board meeting and that approval of the Budget will be requested at the September Executive Board meeting. Mayor Smith, who served on the Finance Committee, explained that the Committee had a productive meeting and discussion. He further acknowledged the staff on their work and felt the budget was fiscally responsible.

Exhibit: 2021-08-14-AA

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 15 Old and New Business

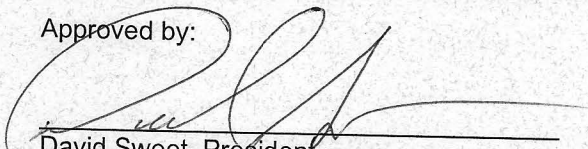
Mike Eastland mentioned that our November and December Board meetings would take place on the third Thursday of those months.

Item 16 Attendance and Calendar

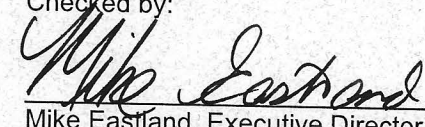
The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

President Sweet adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Approved by:


David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

Checked by:


Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments

North Central Texas Council of Governments Foundation, Inc.

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX, 76011

BOARD MEETING

Minutes — August 26, 2021

President Sweet called the meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Foundation Board, Inc. to order at 1:53 pm.

Members of the Board Present:

1. David Sweet
2. Bill Heidemann
3. Andrew Piel
4. Ray Smith
5. Alfonso Campos
6. Rick Carmona
7. Jorja Clemson

8. Michael Crain
9. Tammy Dana-Bashian
10. Kevin Falconer
11. Clyde Hairston
12. Kayci Prince
13. Glen Whitley

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Chris Hill
2. Clay Jenkins
3. Cara Mendelsohn
4. Bobbie Mitchell
5. Glenn Rogers

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, Molly Rendon, David Setzer, Lucille Johnson, Jerri Watson, James Powell, Ken Kirkpatrick, Jonathan Blackman

Visitors Present:

Cayler Banks, Director of Public Relations | Representative Glenn Rogers

ACTION:

Item F1 Annual Meeting and Orientation of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Foundation, Inc.

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, provided an orientation to new Board Members about the North Central Texas Council of Governments Foundation, Inc., (Foundation) as to its purpose and activities. He briefed the Board on the establishment of the Foundation in 2002, as a [501(c)(3)] non-profit corporation and informed the Board and officers that they also serve as the Board and officers for the Foundation, and that COG employees serve as its staff. He explained that the purpose of the Foundation is to supplement NCTCOG activities in order to provide broader service opportunities to NCTCOG's constituents and the North Central Texas region. He said the Foundation has been utilized in the past to apply for and receive grant funding from both public and private sector entities that require an applicant to have 501(c)(3) status. The Foundations Bylaws outline authorized and prohibited transactions, indemnification provisions of directors, officers, and employees, and financial management of the Foundation, which must comply with the Texas Open Meetings and Public Information Act.

Item F2 Approval of Minutes of the August 27, 2020, North Central Texas Council of Governments Foundation, Inc.

President Sweet entertained a motion on the August 27, 2020, NCTCOG Foundation Board Meeting.

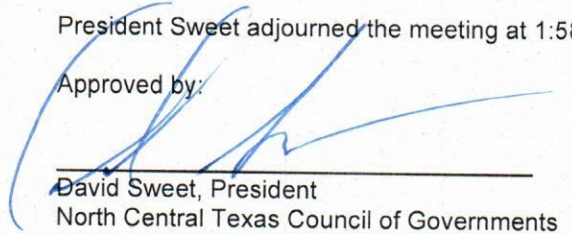
Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Mayor Carmona), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the August 27, 2020, NCTCOG Foundation Board Meeting.

Item F3 Financial Report on the NCTCOG Foundation, Inc.

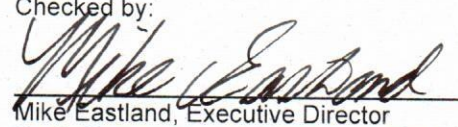
Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, provided the NCTCOG Foundation, Inc. financial report for Calendar year 2020 through current year as of July 2021. The report included revenues, expenses, and changes in the fund balance. *Exhibit: 2021-08-F3-AA*

President Sweet adjourned the meeting at 1:58 pm.

Approved by:


David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

Checked by:


Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments