



**Meeting Summary**

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee  
February 9, 2026  
1:30 p.m.**

**Westworth Village City Hall  
311 Burton Hill Rd.  
Westworth Village, TX 76114**

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on February 9, 2026. The meeting was hosted by the City of Westworth Village.

**Voting Members in Attendance**

Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall, Chair, City of Benbrook  
Dan Chisholm, Vice Chair, City of River Oaks  
Jeff James, Secretary, City of White Settlement  
Councilmember Gary Stuard, Treasurer, City of Lake Worth  
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks  
Councilmember Macy Hill, City of Fort Worth  
Brian Libbey, City of Westworth Village  
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of Benbrook  
Mayor Faron Young, City of White Settlement

Bill Lawson, Air Force Association  
Isaac Manning, Streams & Valleys  
Shawna Moore, White Settlement  
James Myrick, City of River Oaks  
Col. Abel Ramos, 301st Fighter Wing  
Paris Sanchez, Tarrant Regional Water District  
Mike Schlueter, Fort Worth  
Councilmember Jim Smith, City of Lake Worth  
Tommy Thompson, Neighborhood Association on South Lake Worth  
Megan Tucei, Texas Military Department

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance**

Mike Coleman, Past Chair, RCC (At Large)  
Charlie Cripliver, Airpower Foundation  
Ann Elias, White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce  
Aaron Hoff, Tarrant Regional Water District  
Capt. Beau Hufstetler, NAS JRB Fort Worth  
Dan Kessler, North Central Texas Council of Governments  
Jennifer Schwarzbach, The Office of Congressman Craig Goldman  
Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to Support the Military  
W.B. Zimmerman, Fort Worth Aviation Museum

**NCTCOG Staff in Attendance**

Kyle Roy  
Amanda Wilson

**Others Present**

Chief Chris Cook, White Settlement Police Department  
Lt. Chad Dixon, 301st Fighter Wing  
Christy Dull, The Office of Councilmember Michael D. Crain  
Evan Escher, Trinity Metro  
Mayor Darren Houk, City of River Oaks

## **Meeting Summary Outline**

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of October 20, 2025, Meeting Summary (Action)
4. Challenge Coin Recognition
5. Tenant Command Presentation: 301st Fighter Wing
6. Non-Voting Member Roster (Possible Action)
7. RCC Development Review Tool Project Update
8. Federal Grants & DCIP Update
9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
10. Texas Military Department Briefing
11. Staff Reports, Kyle Roy, NCTCOG
  - Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
  - Status of Fencing and Brush Clearing, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
  - Scheduling Update
  - Media Alerts
  - Correspondence
  - Attendance Report
12. Public Comments

### **Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge**

Chair Larry Marshall called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **Item 2. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair opened the meeting with committee and audience member introductions.

### **Item 3. Approval of February 9, 2026 Meeting Summary (Action)**

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Councilmember Macy Hill. Secretary Dan Chisholm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 4: Challenge Coin Recognition**

Chair Larry Marshall presented an RCC challenge coin posthumously to former RCC member and longtime White Settlement councilmember, Paul Moore, who passed away in October 2025. A veteran of both the U.S. Army and Air Force, he was remembered as a committed and strong supporter of the Committee's mission. Councilmember Moore's daughter, Shawna Moore, accepted the challenge coin on behalf of the family. She shared reflections on her father's service on the city council and RCC and his ability to maintain friendships and unity. Dan Kessler expressed appreciation on behalf of North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff, highlighting Paul's longstanding support of RCC initiatives and his meaningful friendships within the committee.

### **Item 5. Tenant Command Presentation: 301st Fighter Wing**

Chair Larry Marshall introduced Col. Abel Ramos, Commander of the 301st Fighter Wing, and Dan Kessler provided background on Col. Ramos's operational and leadership experience. Col. Ramos expressed appreciation for the Committee and surrounding communities' strong partnership and support

for NAS JRB Fort Worth. He provided a brief overview of his career and shared his enthusiasm for leading the 301st Fighter Wing, which he described as the “crown jewel” of Air Force Reserve Command.

Col. Ramos described the 301st Fighter Wing’s mission to train and deploy combat-ready Airmen and noted that the Wing is the first and only F-35-equipped unit in the Air Force Reserve. The wing currently operates 26 F-35 aircraft and is continuing its transition from the F-16, a process Col. Ramos described as essential to maintaining long-term readiness. He also highlighted the increased technological complexity of the F-35, describing them as “flying computers,” and praised maintenance personnel for adapting to new systems and requirements. He also emphasized the role of reservists as “citizen Airmen,” ongoing deployments, exercises, and inspections aimed at continuous improvement. The wing has an estimated \$336 million annual economic impact on the region. He concluded by stressing the importance of readiness, professional development, and mental health support, and thanked the community for its assistance during the recent government shutdown.

In response to a question from Dan Kessler, Col. Ramos explained that the wing’s turn scheme is anticipated to become more consistent with 10 morning sorties (9:30 am takeoff and 11:30 am landing) and eight afternoon sorties (2:00 pm takeoff and 3:30 pm landing) on Mondays through Thursdays, 10 to 12 morning sorties on Fridays, and 12 to 14 sorties on drill weekends. In response to another question from Dan, Col. Ramos described plans for an annual training wherein 200-300 personnel would set up tents and operations for about four days and react to a simulated attack. Addressing a question about drone concerns, Col. Ramos explained that while he cannot disclose details on capabilities, potential drone interference is a significant concern for the wing.

#### **Item 6. Non-Voting Member Roster (Possible Action)**

Kyle Roy presented the NCTCOG staff recommendation to add the Texas Military Department as a non-voting member to the RCC. Kyle highlighted that the Texas Military Department has partnered with the RCC in the past, including through the Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant application constructed by the City of White Settlement. Mr. Chisholm motioned to approve the action; the motion was seconded by Mayor Faron Young. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item 7: RCC Development Review Tool Project Update**

Kyle Roy reviewed one project recently submitted to the RCC Development Review Tool.

City of Benbrook, Project 179—485 Winscott Road. The proposed action is consistent with Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) recommendations. The property is located in the 65 dB noise contour, and the proposed use is for an auto repair business. U.S. Department of Defense guidelines indicate repair services are generally compatible in the 65 dB noise contour without sound attenuation. Comments and votes from RCC members and their delegates supported the staff assessment.

#### **Item 8. Federal Grants & DCIP Update**

Amanda Wilson provided an update on the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, in which the Department of Defense works with property owners to add conservation easements to properties in order to preserve and protect military missions through restrictions on incompatible development. NAS JRB Fort Worth was awarded two REPI Program projects for the Westworth Village Golf Course and Camp Carter. Amanda and Dan Kessler both highlighted the time and effort that has been invested by NCTCOG, NAS JRB Fort Worth, and City of Fort Worth staff to accomplish these projects. Dan Kessler highlighted that the REPI Program is vital for the preservation of a military base in a large, growing metropolitan area where encroachment is a significant concern.

For her update on the Community Noise Mitigation Program, Amanda explained that NCTCOG staff are completing preliminary work for the environmental review and agreements with the school districts are in progress. Amanda also noted that the Department of Defense is expected to open the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) funding opportunity this spring. She informed the Committee that NCTCOG staff are available to assist with grant applications. Jeff James added a brief overview of the completed DCIP project in White Settlement and expressed appreciation for the assistance that NCTCOG staff provided in the grant application process.

### **Item 9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update**

Capt. Beau Hufstetler provided an update on recent base operations and activities at NAS JRB Fort Worth. He reported that the base was closed for three days due to the recent winter freeze with no loss of power or utilities. He highlighted recent visits by the Secretary of War and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and emphasized the importance of showcasing the base's mission, aircraft, and personnel for the preservation of the installation. Capt. Hufstetler also reported on the completion of the Solid Curtain and Citadel Shield exercise, a two-week readiness and force protection training event that temporarily increased security conditions, and commended security forces for their strong performance.

Capt. Hufstetler provided updates on infrastructure, traffic, and quality-of-life improvements across the installation. He announced that long-term construction at the main gate is largely complete, with upcoming security upgrades temporarily closing the commercial gate and redirecting traffic through the main gate for several months. He highlighted recent renovations to the Visitor Center, Navy Lodge, and Navy Inn, as well as approximately \$4 million invested in unaccompanied housing improvements. Capt. Hufstetler identified improvement of the base's electrical infrastructure as his top priority and noted ongoing coordination to improve energy resilience. He concluded by sharing upcoming events, including the annual 10-Miler Run, opportunities to sponsor the July 4th fireworks celebration through MWR, and the announcement that the Blue Angels will return to NAS JRB Fort Worth in April 2027.

### **Item 10. Texas Military Department Briefing**

Megan Tucei thanked the Committee for accepting the Texas Military Department as a non-voting member and provided an overview of the Texas Military Department (TMD), which includes both the Texas Army National Guard and Texas Air National Guard. She emphasized that Texas has the largest National Guard force in the nation with 24,000 members who balance careers with military service; they can be mobilized quickly for state, federal, or international missions. Ms. Tucei highlighted the Guard's critical role in emergency response efforts such as hurricanes, flooding, fires, and other state missions. She also described TMD's responsibility for managing more than 600 facilities statewide through its Construction and Facilities Management Office, noting recent innovations such as microgrids and 3D-printed structures.

Ms. Tucei reviewed recent and planned facilities investments, including \$125 million appropriated by the Texas Legislature to renovate 10 aging armories statewide. In the Dallas area, she highlighted planned renovations at the California Crossing facility and discussed the Guard's current footprint at Hensley Field. She mentioned that TMD currently leases Hangars 1404 and 1405. Construction has begun on Hangar 1405 to support the 149th, with completion anticipated by early 2027, followed by communications and security installations. The hangar could be soldier-ready by October 31, 2027. Funding for Hangar 1404 has been requested and is pending.

## Item 11. Staff Reports

- **Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG**
  - SH 183/Pumphrey Road: The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application will be resubmitted in February 2026.
  - Meandering Road: Right of way has been acquired and only one or two utility poles remain to be moved. Once all agreements and contracts are finalized, the project will be turned over to the City of Fort Worth to bid the project. The expected letting date is in March 2026. A groundbreaking ceremony is being planned, and RCC members are invited.
  - LtJG Barnett Bridge: The City of Fort Worth is leading the preliminary engineering and design. A Department of Defense DCIP grant will be pursued for this project.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, April 20, 2026, at the Lake Worth Multi-Purpose Facility.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

## Item 12. Public Comments

There were no public comments.