

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

Minutes — March 26, 2026

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 1:00 pm on March 26, 2026. Todd Little took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Victoria Johnson | 10. Bowie Hogg |
| 2. Jennifer Justice | 11. Rick Horne |
| 3. Brandon J. Huckabee (V) | 12. Gary Hulse |
| 4. Chris Hill (V) | 13. Clay Jenkins |
| 5. Christopher Boedeker | 14. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 6. David Bristol | 15. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 7. Carlos Flores | 16. Tim O'Hare |
| 8. T.J. Gilmore | 17. Mitch Little |
| 9. Darrell Hale | |

Members of the Board Absent:

Members of the Staff Present:

Todd Little, Monte Mercer, Susan Alvarez, Tim Barbee, Michael Morris, Maribel Martinez, Randy Richardson, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Shala Geer-Smith, Caroline Vandergriff, Karla Weaver, Jon Blackman, Emily Beckham, Marcie Bruner, April Leger, Natalie Bettger, Kelly Schmidt, Jessie Shadowens-James, Emily Dryden, Hannah Witcher, Danielle Taylor, Chris Klaus

Visitors Present:

Monica Paul, Executive Director | Dallas Sports Commission

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. There being no one, she proceeded with the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items 1 - 8 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

Item 1 Approval of Minutes - January 22, 2026

Item 2 Resolution Authorizing TXShare Contracts for AI Governance, Compliance, and Enablement Platform

Board authorization was requested to enter contractual agreements for AI Governance, Compliance, and Enablement Platform through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program. NCTCOG issued RFP 2026-010, receiving 19 responsive proposals. An evaluation committee representing the Cities of Little Elm and McKinney and NCTCOG reviewed submissions and recommended awarding contracts to multiple vendors across two service categories. Recommended firms include providers for Service Category 1 (AI Governance Platform), Service Category 2 (AI Governance-related tools), or both. The contracts with the selected vendors are as follows and for terms up to five years:

- ADITI LLC for ALL Service Categories
- Avant-Garde 365 Inc. for Service Category 1
- BayInfotech, LLC for ALL Service Categories
- Carahsoft Technology Corporation for ALL Service Categories
- Concourse Tech Inc. for Service Category 1
- Consultadd Inc. for ALL Service Categories
- Darwin AI, Inc. for Service Category 1
- Data Meaning Services Group for ALL Service Categories
- Def-Logix, Inc. for ALL Service Categories
- Deloitte Consulting, LLP for Service Category 1
- Enzai Technologies US, Inc. for Service Category 1
- Gov AI Inc. dba ThinkGov for Service Category 1
- Optimum Technology, Inc. for Service Category 2
- Public Consulting Group LLC for ALL Service Categories
- Tekgration, LLC for ALL Service Categories
- WhitegloveAI LLC for Service Category 1

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing TXShare Contracts for Healthcare Benefits Brokerage / Consulting and Ancillary Services

Board authorization was requested to enter contractual agreements for Healthcare Benefits Brokerage/Consulting and Ancillary Services through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program. NCTCOG issued RFP 2026-007, with proposals due January 23, 2026. Five responsive proposals were received and evaluated by representatives from Cherokee County and the Cities of Cedar Hill and McKinney. The Evaluation Committee recommended awarding contracts to Butler Benefits & Consulting, LLC; Higginbotham Public Sector, LLC; HUB International Texas, Inc.; Lockton-Dunning Series of Lockton Companies, LLC; and McGriff, a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC, all for both service categories.

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing the Stephenville Workforce Center Lease Extension

Board authorization was requested authorizing a two-year extension of the lease for the Stephenville Workforce Center located at 2165 West South Loop, Suites 1–3, which includes 4,200 square feet of space currently leased from Peacock Investments LLC and shared with TWC Vocational Rehabilitation staff. Staff explained that the extension, at a rate not to exceed \$15.00 per square foot, will provide needed flexibility while a region-wide strategic analysis of Workforce Solutions service delivery and center locations is completed. Avison Young confirmed the proposed rate is within the local market range, and the Workforce Development Board recommended approval on March 3, 2026.

Item 5

Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the FY26 Teacher Externships Program

Board authorization was requested to enter a contract with North Central Texas InterLink (InterLink) to provide outreach services and support for implementation of the FY26 Teacher Externships Program, for a term of up to eleven months and an amount not to exceed \$165,000. NCTCOG, serving as the Administrative Entity and Grant Recipient for the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board, received Texas Workforce Commission funding to deliver externships for approximately 50 middle and high school teachers and counselors across the 14-county region. InterLink, a regional nonprofit that connects industry, education, and government, will assist with outreach to school districts and businesses to support program delivery. The North Central Texas Workforce Development Board recommended approval on March 3, 2026.

Item 6

Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreements for Receipt of Local Contributions from Local Governments and Participation in the Regional Traffic Signal Program

Board authorization was requested to enter into Interlocal Agreements with local governments participating in the Regional Traffic Signal Program. The Regional Transportation Council approved funding for this program on October 13, 2022, to improve corridor mobility, enhance safety, reduce congestion, and support regional air quality goals within the Dallas–Fort Worth nonattainment area. NCTCOG will use contracted consultants to conduct traffic signal retiming activities, including data collection, development and implementation of optimized timing plans, and performance evaluation. Participating local governments will contribute to the program and formalize roles and responsibilities through Interlocal Agreements. Board approval also covered a contingency list of additional local governments that may participate if funding allows.

Attachment 1 below identifies the local governments participating in the Regional Traffic Signal Program as well as the contingency participation.

Regional Traffic Signal Program March 26, 2026			
Local Government Agency	On-system	Off-system	Approximate Revenue to be Received (Local Government Program Contribution)
Arlington	14	9	\$14,000
Carrollton	2	11	\$16,000
Dallas	46	126	\$168,000
Ennis	0	2	\$4,000
Farmers Branch	0	1	\$3,000
Frisco	11	0	\$0
Fort Worth	12	43	\$59,000
Highland Park	0	8	\$12,000
Irving	2	13	\$19,000
North Richland Hills	0	1	\$1,320
Lake Worth	0	1	\$1,320
Saginaw	0	7	\$9,240
Southlake	0	1	\$3,000
University Park	0	31	\$43,000
Watauga	0	4	\$7,000
Weatherford	0	1	\$3,000

Contingent on Available Funding

Local Government Agency	On-system	Off-system	Approximate Revenue to Be Received (Local Government Program Contribution)
Richardson	8	20	\$26,000
Plano	12	15	\$19,500
Fort Worth	11	25	\$32,500
Frisco	10	5	\$6,500
McKinney	10	10	\$13,000

Note 1: Signal counts for each agency are approximate.

Note 2: Local Government Program contributions apply only to off-system locations.

Item 7

Resolution Authorizing Revisions to the North Texas MOVES BUILD Grant and Agreement Amendments with Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Trinity Metro

Board authorization was requested for NCTCOG to amend the North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety (NT MOVES) FY2020 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant and related subrecipient agreements. NCTCOG received \$25 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD Discretionary Grant Program to support the NT MOVES program, originally approved with an estimated cost of \$72 million. Following design development and construction procurement, the total project cost increased by approximately \$58 million due to construction cost inflation and design changes needed to provide a permanent track configuration at the Trinity Railway Express crossing of IH-35E. To address the increased cost, the Regional Transportation Council approved additional funding sources, including Surface Transportation Block Grant, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Texas Mobility Funds, and Regional Toll Revenue, on March 13, October 9, and December 11, 2025. While the BUILD grant amount remains unchanged, amendments are required to reflect the revised project cost and funding commitments and to update subrecipient agreements with Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Trinity Metro.

Details of the updated funding commitments are identified below.

Attachment 1 to Resolution Authorizing Revisions to the North Texas MOVES BUILD Grant and Agreement Amendments with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Trinity Metro

NT MOVES BUILD Grant Budget (Revised)						
		Total	US DOT Award	Other Federal	Non-Federal	
		\$131,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$36,468,000	\$69,532,000	

NT MOVES Agreement Budgets (Revised)							
		Total	BUILD funds ⁽¹⁾	Other Federal ⁽²⁾	Non-Federal		
Subrecipients							
Double Track TRE, Medical Market Center to Stemmons Freeway	DART	\$74,400,000	\$7,500,000	\$5,820,000	CMAQ	\$39,432,000	DART
				\$19,648,000	STBG	\$2,000,000	BNSF ⁽³⁾
Double Track TRE, Handley Ederville Road to Precinct Line Road	Trinity Metro	\$43,500,000	\$15,000,000	\$2,052,000	CMAQ	\$15,000,000	TMF ⁽⁴⁾
						\$7,730,191	RTR ⁽⁵⁾
				\$1,848,000	STBG	\$1,869,809	Trinity Metro
Contractor							
Implement Clear Path Technology ⁽⁶⁾	Rail inc. ⁽⁷⁾	\$13,100,000	\$2,500,000	\$7,100,000	STBG	\$3,100,000	Railroads
						\$400,000	RTC Local
Total		\$131,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$36,468,000	\$69,532,000		

(1) No increase to BUILD funds

(2) Subrecipients utilizing other federal funds will access funds directly through grant agreements with the Federal Transit Administration. These expenses are reported to NCTCOG and included in reports to USDOT to satisfy BUILD grant commitments.

(3) BNSF funds are contingent on amended Tracking Rights Agreement between Trinity Metro, DART, and BNSF. Executive Board approval July 28, 2022. RTC local funds will be used as backstop. RTC ratified August 18, 2022

(4) NCTCOG will enter into agreement with TxDOT to access TMF funds and passthrough to Trinity Metro. Executive Board approval February 26, 2026

(5) Trinity Metro will enter into an agreement with TxDOT to access RTR funds directly. Expenses are reported to NCTCOG and included in reports to USDOT to satisfy BUILD grant commitments.

(6) No change to project scope for the Clear Path Technology component of the Program. Local funding from Railroad partners updated to align with current expectations.

(7) NCTCOG is responsible to implement the Clear Path Technology component of the program. NCTCOG procured consultant, Rail Inc., Executive Board approval March 25, 2021

Item 8

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

Board approval was requested to appoint Michael Kowski, President and CEO, McKinney Economic Development Corporation to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board under the 100,000 – 250,000 population category for a three-year term. The NCTEDD Board guides the work of the region’s Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG. The region was designated as a District by the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in December 2016.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flores), to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 8, and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the Consent Agenda Items as posted.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Item 9 Resolution Authorizing 2026 FIFA World Cup Grant Program (FWCGP) and Related Agreements

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board authorization for NCTCOG to submit, manage, and administer approximately \$51.6 million in 2026 FIFA World Cup Grant Program funds on behalf of the North Texas FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee. The grant, administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will support security and preparedness activities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, during which the Dallas region will host nine matches, including a semi-final in Arlington. While only Host City Committees are eligible applicants, subawards are permitted and will be directed by the North Texas FIFA World Cup Task Force. NCTCOG will serve as the primary subrecipient, administer the grant, enter into interlocal agreements to subgrant funds to participating jurisdictions, and oversee reimbursement, compliance, and documentation. The grant period is July 4, 2025, through August 31, 2026, is 100 percent federally funded with no local match required, and will reimburse NCTCOG for eligible administrative costs.

Exhibit: 2026-03-09-EP

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

Item 10 Resolution Authorizing Update of Proposed Final 2026 FIFA World Cup 2026 Cost Allocations and Approval of Partner Agreements

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to reallocate previously approved Regional Transportation Council (RTC) funding associated with transportation planning and operations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The RTC had previously approved \$11.8 million in October 2023 and March 2025 for transit services, staging areas, and transit passes; however, refined cost estimates, agency role adjustments, and the availability of \$10.0 million in new Federal Transit Administration funding announced March 3, 2026, have created surplus RTC local funds. Staff identified approximately \$7.1 million in available RTC local funds and proposed \$3.47 million for final work authorizations supporting the FIFA Transportation Plan, including operational services, construction modifications, incremental Trinity Railway Express service costs, road closure expenses, and wayfinding and signage. Approval of this action resulted in a remaining contingency of \$3.63 million in RTC local funds, with no additional funding anticipated. A draft resolution proposed the use of \$3.47 million in RTC local funds, increasing existing agreements not to exceed \$5.72 million with the Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, the Dallas FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee, and tow truck operators.

Exhibit: 2026-03-10-TR

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

Judge Hill joined the meeting virtually.

Item 11 Resolution Recommending General Assembly Enactment of the Amended Bylaws of the North Central Texas Council of Governments

Ken Kirkpatrick, General Counsel, requested Board approval of the proposed Amended NCTCOG Bylaws. He reviewed that, at the previous meeting, the Executive Board approved revisions to certain provisions and provided guidance on others, with discussion focused on four primary areas: the Immediate Past President role, the process for filling vacancies in dedicated seats, the structure and application of term limits, and the General Assembly appointment process for dedicated seats. In addition, the Executive Board recommended changes to the nominating committee composition and provided direction regarding appointments and vacancies related to dedicated seats. The Bylaws Committee was provided a written summary of these revisions and considerations.

The Board took up consideration of Section V.M. individually, with Councilmember Mendelsohn making a motion (2nd by Councilmember Justice) to amend it as follows:

Should a vacancy lasting more than sixty (60) calendar days occur in the Officers or Directors of the Executive Board other than those representing the four (4) largest counties and three (3) largest cities, a successor shall be appointed by the remaining members of the Board to fill the unexpired term and in accordance with Section V. H.

Motion passed with Commissioner Mitchell voting no.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Justice (2nd by Mayor Bristol), and vote of all members present, the Board subsequently approved the full Amended NCTCOG Bylaws redlines, including those voted on during the meeting, and recommended to be presented to the NCTCOG General Assembly at its June 2026 meeting, with Commissioner Mitchell voting no.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Item 12 Announcement of the President's 2026 Executive Board Nominating Committee

Victoria Johnson, President and Councilmember for the City of Burlison, announced the 2026 Executive Board Nominating Committee. She noted that all Past Presidents will be invited to participate on the Nominating Committee. She stated that the election of Officers and Directors for the NCTCOG 2026–2027 Executive Board will take place at the Annual General Assembly Meeting on Friday, June 12, 2026, to be held in person at the Hurst Conference Center. It was further noted that it is customary for the current President to serve as Chair of a Nominating Committee comprised of past NCTCOG Presidents. The committee is responsible for qualifying prospective nominees and preparing a slate of candidates for submission to the General Assembly.

Exhibit: 2026-03-12-EDO

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

Item 13 Executive Director's Report

Mr. Little delivered the Executive Director's Report, noting that the SGR search for a new Director of Transportation is progressing with an expected hiring window in June or July. He also announced that the June 25, 2026, Executive Board meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. instead of the usual 1:00 p.m. start time due to the FIFA match scheduled that day. In addition, he clarified that members who attend this meeting virtually will not have it counted toward their virtual attendance limits.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Mitchell and State Representative Little recused themselves from the Executive Session.

President Johnson called the Executive Session to order at 1:53 pm, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, to consult with its attorney to seek advice on contemplated litigation:

Legal advice regarding Denton County Commissioners Court action on March 17, 2026, assigning legal representation for litigation by Denton County against the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

President Johnson adjourned the Executive Session at 2:32 pm.

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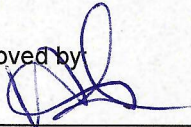
President Johnson reconvened the regular session at 2:35 pm.

Item 15 Possible Action Resulting from Executive Session on Contemplated Litigation by Denton County Against the North Central Texas Council of Governments

Motion by Councilmember Hogg (2nd by Councilmember Horne), to authorize Executive Director to obtain external counsel for legal representation in any action filed by Denton County against the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Motion passed. Commissioner Mitchell and State Representative Little recused themselves and were not present for this item.

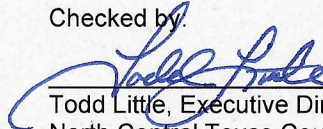
President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:36 pm.

Approved by



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

Checked by



Todd Little, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments