NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — January 23, 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 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 1:00 pm on January 23, 2025. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

16. Nick Stanley

Chris Hill Victoria Johnson Jennifer Justice Bill Heidemann Cara Mendelsohn Carlos Flores (V) T.J. Gilmore Brandon J. Huckabee Clay Jenkins Clay Jenkins Cara Mendelsohn Bobbie Mitchell Kameron Raburn

Members of the Board Absent:

- Bowie Hogg
- 2. Victoria Neave Criado

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, 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, Jon Blackman, Carmen Morones, Lisa Sack, April Leger, Kenny Bergstrom, Jessie Shadowens-James, Kelly Schmidt, Prit Patel

Visitors Present:

8. Rick Horne

Leo A. Wrobel, (Former Mayor of Ovilla) Failsafe; Sharon Wrobel | Failsafe; Rob Barthen | GrantWorks; Marisela Aramino and Candace Sublett | Tarrant County Democratic Party

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 - 22 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

Item 1 Approval of Minutes - November 21, 2024 Meeting

Item 2 Approval of Minutes - December 23, 2024 Meeting

- Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

 Board acceptance and approval was requested for the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2024. The report is required by the Investment Policy and Public Funds Investment Act and shows an average rate of return, cumulative transactions and beginning and ending balances for the quarter.
- Item 4 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Biosolid Recycling and Related Treatment Plant
 Services
 Item 4 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Hill for Individual Consideration.
- Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Street Pavement Crack Sealing Services
 Item 5 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Hill for Individual Consideration.
- Item 6 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Water Storage Tank Inspection & Cleaning
 Services
 Item 6 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Hill for Individual Consideration.
- Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Concrete Pavement Grinding Services
 Item 7 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Hill for Individual Consideration.
- Item 8 Was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Hill for Individual Consideration.
- Item 9 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Automatic Gate Maintenance & Repair Services
 Item 9 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Hill for Individual Consideration.
- Item 10 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Library Books & Print Periodicals
 Item 10 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Hill for Individual Consideration.
- Item 11 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for the Receipt of Funds for Planning and Implementation Programs from the Texas Department of Transportation

 Board authorization was requested approving receipt of funding from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for four additional FY2025 projects totaling approximately \$3,800,000 (\$2,000,000 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds + \$1,800,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds + 400,000 in RTC Transportation Development Credits in lieu of cash match).

The table below identifies the individual funding agreements.

Exhibit: 2025-01-11-TR Attachment 1

ATTACHMENT 1

Program Title	RTC		Total Funding	1			Match Amount			70.00
(Non-Construction Projects)	Approval Date	Funding Source	Amount (TDCs not included in total)		Federal Regional	State	Local	TDC*	Fiscal Year(s)*	Program Status
Planning Study to Support Regional School Transportation Safety and Crossing Guard Establishment	4/11/2024	RTR	\$ 1,250,000	3	1,250,000	90	\$0	0	2025	New
Regional Data Hub	12/12/2024	RTR	\$ 550,000	5	550,000	. 50	\$0	0	2025-2026	Ongoing
Staging of Tow Truck Operators-Limited Access Facilities in Dallas District	12/12/2024	STEG	\$	5	800,000	50	- 50	160 000	2025-2026	Organe
system Manager Support Services	12/12/2024	STBG	S 1,200,000	5	1,200,600	\$0	50	240,000	2025-2026	Ongoing
	7.	7	\$3,800,000	5	3,800,000	50	50	400,000		

^{*} Facal Year dendes year in enion 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 January 2025

Item 12 Resolution Authorizing Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Roadway Safety Audits and Safe Routes to School Plans

Board authorization was requested to enter a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to conduct Road Safety Audits (RSAs) and Safe Routes to School Plans for select high-injury roadway corridors in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan region (Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant Counties). This \$4,000,000 supplemental planning effort is funded through a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as well as Regional Toll Revenue. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. has committed to meeting a minimum 32.0% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal for this study, which matches the DBE goal identified for this type of procurement.

Item 13 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Contract with Media Valet, Inc. to Provide a Digital Asset Management System

Board authorization was requested to amend the current contract with MediaValet, Inc. The amendment would add an additional \$15,184 to the original \$113,604 contract, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$128,788. This will fund a digital asset management system to streamline the storage, retrieval, and use of digital images and videos among Transportation's department staff. The system replaces and supplements the network storage previously used for these assets. It also allows for direct importing into Adobe and Microsoft applications, making assets easier to manage with features like auto tagging. This contract extension of approximately six months will allow the department to continue using the system until a new procurement can be conducted.

Item 14 Resolution Authorizing Regional Transportation Council Local Funds as a Temporary Backstop to Advance Mobility Enhancements in the Southern Dallas Inland Port Item 14 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Councilmember Mendelsohn for Individual Consideration.

Item 15 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with City of River Oaks for Advance Funding of Meandering Road Right of Way Acquisition

Board authorization was requested to enter into an agreement, not to exceed \$950,000, with the City of River Oaks to assist with advance right-of-way acquisition for the reconstruction of Meandering Road. This project, which runs from Roberts Cut-Off in River Oaks to LT JG Barnett Road in Fort Worth, was previously funded by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in 2015 and has undergone extensive planning, design, and public involvement to ensure compatibility with the impacted neighborhoods. While the project budget includes funding for right-of-way, the City of River Oaks is responsible for acquiring the land and covering the initial costs until federal reimbursement is received, which can take 90-120 days. To ease the financial burden on the city, the RTC has approved \$950,000 in local funds to be provided to River Oaks for this purpose. Once the federal reimbursement is received, River Oaks will return the RTC local funds to the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Resolution Authorizing Granbury Workforce Center Lease Extension Board authorization was requested to extend the Workforce Center Lease located at 1030 Highway 377, Suite 202 in Granbury, Texas. The center occupies 4,095 square feet of office space at a rate of \$12.50 per square foot (excluding insurance, taxes, utilities, janitorial, and common area maintenance). The lease for this space is set to expire on November 30, 2025. The center's landlord, Memorial Mini Storage, has agreed to a 2-year lease extension at an average rate not exceeding \$14.50 per square foot. This extended lease will provide flexibility to evaluate the current service delivery model and potentially introduce a new approach to meet evolving customer needs across the 14-County region. The proposed \$14.50 rate is within the market range for the local area.

Item 17 Resolution Authorizing Plano Workforce Center Lease Extension

Board authorization was requested to extend the lease on the workforce center located at 1101 Resource Drive, Suite 100, in Plano, Texas. The center occupies 13,194 square feet of office space at a price of \$9.38 per square foot, excluding insurance, taxes, utilities, janitorial, and common area maintenance. The current five-year lease is set to expire on July 31, 2025. Staff recommended a three-year extension to provide flexibility for staff to develop a strategic and comprehensive approach to the location and number of stand-alone workforce centers across the 14-county region. A shorter extension will also allow staff to introduce a new service delivery model if the current Plano Center model does not meet the evolving needs of Workforce Solutions customers. The landlords, Blasingame Hill Country, LLC, 1100 Jupiter, LTD, and Harkfamptnrs, LLC, have agreed to a three-year lease extension at an average rate not to exceed \$10.19 per square foot, excluding insurance, taxes, utilities, janitorial, and common area maintenance. A market survey confirmed this proposed rate is within the going price for comparable properties in the area.

- Item 18 This item was withdrawn.
- Resolution Adopting FY 2026 Criminal Justice Policies and Procedures

 Board approval was requested to approve the FY 2026 Policies and Procedures recommended by the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC). As part of the Statement of Work (SOW), NCTCOG is responsible for reviewing and scoring criminal justice grant applications from local agencies and is required to adopt Policies and Procedures that guide the application process and define committee responsibilities. The most significant changes include removing the grant adjustment notification policy (§4.5.6.3.) and revising committee make-up requirements to align with SOW requirements (§7.1.1.). Other revisions include updates to grant period timeframes and date revisions.
 - 4.5.6.3 Grant Adjustment Policy: An authorized person for a funded project will notify NCTCOG in writing prior to submitting a grant adjustment request through OOG's eGrants system. Should NCTCOG staff determine the adjustment results in a deviation from the scope of services presented in the original application, the grant adjustment request may be forwarded to CJPDC for review. If CJPDC determines the change in budget or scope of the funded project impacts how the project would have been prioritized, the prioritization may be withdrawn, and future recommendations may be affected.
 - 7.1.1 The representation must include citizens or parents, substance abuse prevention, education, juvenile justice, law enforcement, mental health, non-profit organizations, municipalities, counties, prosecution or courts, and victim services, with at least one victim services member from a non-governmental agency. Each individual member may either represent one of the required disciplines or be classified as an "other" discipline. No single group discipline, including the "other" category, may constitute more than one-third (1/3) of the Committee.

Item 20

Appointments to the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee

Board approval was requested to appoint the following members to the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC):

Name		Title	Agency	6 24 00 10	
Mr. Tony	Simmons	Retired	Agency	Committee Status / County	
	OHISTIONS	retired	N/A	Chair - Denton County	
Ms. Felicia	Oliphant	First Assistant District Attorney	Rockwall County District Attorney's Office	Vice Chair - Rockwall County	

	Name	Title	Agency	Committee Status / County		
Ms. Lindy	Beaty	UTA Department of		Proposed New Member – Ellis County (Nominated by County Judge Todd Little)		
Dr. Jaya	Davis			Proposed New Member – Tarrant Count (Nominated by Deborah Caddy – The Wom Center / Melissa <u>Parsinen</u> – UTA School of S Work)		
Ms. Danielle	Dulaney	Municipal Court Judge	City of Arlington	Proposed New Member - Tarrant County (Self-nominated)		
Ms. Ronna	Huckaby	Chief of Mission	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	Proposed New Member – Tarrant County (Self-rominated)		
Ms. Lauren	Lawrence	Assistant Criminal District Attorney	Tarrant County District Attorney's Office*	Proposed New Rep for Tarrant County District Attorney's Office		
Mr. Arthur	McKnight Jr.	Division Manager of Grant Writing and Program Evaluation	Dallas County CSCD*	Proposed New Rep for Dallas County CSCD		
Dr. Bill	Parker	Trustee, Place 7	Allen ISD	Proposed New Member - Collin County (Self-nominated)		
Mr. Joseph	Russell	Judge, County Court at Law	Kaufman County	Proposed New Member – Kaufman County (Nominated by Jennifer Russell – Kaufman County Mental Health Courts Coordinator)		
Mr. Noah	Simon	City Manager	City of Aledo	Proposed New Member – Parker County (Nominated by Mayor Nick Stanley – City of Aledo)		
Mr. James	Songer**	Lieutenant	Dallas Police Department*	Proposed New Rep for Dallas Police Department		
The second		**Alternate for Lt. Song	er: Lt. Jonathan Blanchard, Dalla	is PD		
Ms. Tiffany	Tate	CEO	The Family Place gencies shall have a permanent repre	Proposed New Member – Dallas County (Nominated by Jan Langbein – Genesis Women's		

Name		Title	Agency	County	
Ms. Sharon	Bradley	Director of Family and Social Services	Plano ISD	Collin County	
Mr. Earnest	Jenkins Jr.	Lieutenant	University of North Texas at Dallas Police Department	Dallas County	
Dr. Jill	Johansson-Love	Department Chair of Clinical Psychology Program	The Chicago School of Professional Psychology – Dallas Campus	Dallas County	
Ms. Kelly	Pickens	Councilmember	City of Corinth	Denton County	
Mr. Stephen	Sanders	Lieutenant	Waxahachie Police Department		
Mr. David	Williams***	Lieutenant	Ennis Police Department ged employment to Ellis County agency in 2022 2025 will begi	Ellis County Ellis County	

Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board Item 21 (NCTEDD)

Item 21 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Little for Individual Consideration.

Item 22 Appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC) and Election of Officers

Board approval was requested to appoint the following individuals and officers to serve on the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC). The RAAC assists the Executive Board in developing and implementing the area agency on aging plan for residents aged 60 and over in the 14 counties surrounding Dallas and Tarrant Counties.

- Ellis County: Dani Muckleroy
- Hunt County: Berniece Reeves-Brown (new appointee)
- Johnson County: Dale Hannah
- Navarro County: Lynda Sloan
- Parker County: Kirsti Smith (new appointee) and Linda Authier (new appointee)
- Somervell County: Bob Miller and Pat Bruce (new appointee)
- Wise County: Amy Pegues
- President: Karen Kiser of Rockwall County
- Vice-President: Lynda Sloan of Navarro County
- Secretary: Dani Muckelroy of Ellis County

Upon a Motion by Mayor Heidemann (seconded by Judge Huckabee), the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda Items as posted with the exception of Items 4-10, 14, and 21.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Judge Hill had a question about how representatives from participating entities were involved in the scoring process for Items 4-10.

Jon Blackman addressed this issue and stated that when researching ideas for contracts, the TXShare Advisory Committee coordinates with directors of purchasing and chief procurement officers from various cities. Depending on the category, the cities may reach deeper into their organizations. Additionally, if organizations bring their own ideas, they are more likely to participate in the scoring process. He gave the example of the city of Southlake directly participating in scoring for their Item #10 for Library Books & Print Periodicals. He further stated that there are a couple reasons for this approach: 1) The cities may not want ownership and administrative burden of procurement management, and 2) if organizations had a poor experience with procurement in the past, broadening the pool of participants allows TXShare to engage more vendors. Judge Little requested a sample copy of the Interlocal Agreement.

Upon a Motion by Judge Hill (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved Items 4-10 as presented.

Item 14 Resolution Authorizing Regional Transportation Council Local Funds as a Temporary Backstop to Advance Mobility Enhancements in the Southern Dallas Inland Port

Item 14 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Councilmember Mendelsohn for Individual Consideration.

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to use Regional Transportation Council (RTC) local funds as a temporary backstop to advance mobility enhancements in the southern Dallas inland port. He explained that the Board previously approved a contract with Model 1 Commercial Vehicles for eight (8) light-duty electric transit vehicles, not to exceed \$1,100,000. To maintain the negotiated contract prices and align inspections with manufacturing schedules, NCTCOG needed to proceed with these purchases as soon as possible. However, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) had not yet executed the grant agreement for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) award. To mitigate risk, NCTCOG staff requested authorization to utilize up to \$1,004,000 in RTC local funds as a temporary backstop. This would support contract obligations for the purchase of electric vehicles and in-plant inspection services, preventing project delays and cost increases. The RTC approved these funds on December 12, 2024.

Ms. Mendelsohn expressed concern that the grant might not be awarded. Mr. Morris acknowledged that this was a concern due to the recent change of administration but that this type of grant was being considered

within the Office of the Secretary (OOS) and that of the head of the FTA. He stated he was not aware of any issues that would prevent this project from moving forward as the Presidential Executive Order did not apply to this project.

Exhibit: 2025-01-14-TR

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

Item 21 Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Item 21 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Judge Little for Individual Consideration.

Board authorization was requested to appoint John Knight, Assistant Director of Economic Development, City of Red Oak, to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board. The NCTEDD functions as an advisory board to the NCTCOG and guides the work of the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG.

Judge Little stated that he had originally submitted John Knight for the appointment but now wanted to amend the order to place him in a different category. Specifically, Judge Little said he would like to put Mr. Knight in category #53, Principal Economic Interest, instead of the county seat for Ellis County. He indicated he would come back later with a different county representative to fill the vacant Ellis County seat. Motion by Judge Little, seconded by Judge Jenkins.

Mayor Raburn then requested to amend the original motion to include the addition of Julie Pierce, President of the Ennis Economic Development Corporation, to fill the vacant seat #34, which is designated for a population under 30,000.

Exhibit: 2025-01-21-EDO

Upon a Motion by Judge Jenkins (seconded by Judge Little), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the appointments as amended.

Item 23 Resolution Endorsing Submittal of Fiscal Year 2024 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program Application to the Federal Railroad

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board endorsement to submit a \$9.6 million application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Program. This application includes the use of \$2.4 million Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds as the required local match. The non-federal funds would be used as a backstop in lieu of a partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Trinity Metro for such funds. The funds will facilitate the project's final design and construction phases estimated at \$310 million. The RTC voted on December 12, 2024, to approve the submittal of this application. If selected, NCTCOG will work with the FRA to efficiently transfer the awarded funds to the region. NCTCOG will oversee all necessary project tasks, coordinating with TRE, Trinity Metro, DART, Amtrak, and the FRA.

Exhibit: 2025-01-23-TR

Councilmember Horne left the meeting.

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

Item 24 Resolution Accepting the Report from Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P. for the Transportation Department's Agreed Upon Procedures

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board acceptance for the Agreed-Upon Procedures Audit Report communications prepared by Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP. A review of Transportation Department consultant and subgrantee contracts in excess of \$250k for FY2023 was conducted to determine compliance

with the department's contracting procedures. A total of eight (8) contracts were selected for review that were funded through agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The report indicates there were no exceptions in all seven (7) of the procedural areas for Fiscal Year 2023.

Exhibit: 2025-01-24-TR

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

Item 25 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with L3Harris Technologies, Inc. for Registered Apprenticeship Training Services

Phedra Redifer, Director of Workforce Development, requested Board authorization to enter contractual agreements with L3Harris Technologies, Inc. for registered apprenticeship training services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Previously, NCTCOG and L3Harris had entered into a contract under the Texas Workforce Commission's Apprenticeship Texas Expansion Grant for pre-apprenticeship training services, which L3Harris successfully completed on May 3, 2024. Now, L3Harris is poised to start their Airframe Mechanic Registered Apprenticeship Program. This will increase awareness and education about the program across the region, promoting sustainable career opportunities in the Aviation Manufacturing industry sector.

Judge Hill inquired whether the \$100,000 would cover tuition, tools, and salaries for a cohort of 8-10 individuals, or if L3Harris would be responsible for those costs. Ms. Redifer clarified that the grant would cover the costs of tuition and tools but not for salaries. She further stated that the persons successfully completing their apprenticeship would become full-time employees of L3Harris.

Exhibit: 2025-01-25-WD

Councilmember Home returned to the meeting. Mayor Bristol entered the meeting.

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

Item 26 Report on progress in the search being conducted by SGR to secure an Executive Director for NCTCOG

Judge O'Hare provided an update on the search for the Executive Director position. In December, the subcommittee approved SGR Resources as the search firm. SGR had created a brochure that was being distributed through various contacts and networks. The job was officially posted on January 14, 2025, and so far, 39 applicants had applied, 27 of whom were from Texas. Judge O'Hare stated that SGR asked that the information be shared through our networks and asked Mr. Eastland to forward the brochure to NCTCOG distribution links.

The search timeline is as follows:

- The application period will close on February 16th.
- Around February 19th, SGR will meet with the subcommittee to review the applicant pool and provide recommendations for semi-finalists.
- The committee will then select 2-4 semi-finalists for the full board to interview, with the goal of conducting those interviews in late March, if possible.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 27 Attendance and Calendar

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Hill called the Executive Session to order at 1:41 pm, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, to deliberate regarding personnel matters.

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

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

President Hill reconvened the regular session at 2:50 pm.

Item 28 Possible Action Related to Matters Considered in Executive Session

President Hill announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. Judge Jenkins made a motion (seconded by Mayor Stanley), and unanimous vote of all members present, recommending a 5.33% raise to Mr. Eastland.

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:51 pm.

Approved by:

Chris Hill, President North Central Texas Council of Governments

County Judge, Collin County

Mike Eastland, Executive Director

North Central Texas Council of Governments