



Texas Association
of Regional Councils

Bi-Annual Staff Training & Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Hilton Austin Airport | Austin, TX
September 17 - 20, 2024

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

- 8:30 am – 2:30 pm **HHSC Office of Aging & Disability Resource Centers Training** (Chennault)
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **HHSC Office of Area Agencies on Aging Training** (Chennault)
- 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **What's New in Federal Grant Administration Requirements** (Bergstrom AB)
This grants management training is open to all TARC members. TARC is pleased to offer up to 4 hours of CPE for Certified Public Accountants.

Earlier this year, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) updated the OMB Guidance for Grants and Agreements, now known as the OMB Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance. As the recipient of billions of federal dollars each fiscal year, regional councils and their member jurisdictions must comply with these regulations when using federal funds to support local and regional projects. The updates will go into full effect on October 1, 2024. To prepare TARC members for compliance with these updates, we will be hosting an afternoon of training with one of the foremost experts in federal grants management.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Public Safety Office Training** (Joint training of the Criminal Justice Planners' Association & Homeland Security Association of Texas) (Bergstrom C)
- 8:30 am – 12:00 pm **TARC Staff Association Trainings & Meetings**
Solid Waste Planners' Association (Wildflower)
Finance and Personnel Association (Bergstrom A)
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **TARC Staff Association Trainings & Meetings**
9-1-1 Coordinators' Association (Bergstrom B)
Community & Economic Development Staff Association (Longhorn)
Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Bergstrom D)
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch on Your Own**
- 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Using Artificial Intelligence to Enhance Local Government Capacity** (Bergstrom AB)

Every day, regional councils and local governments spend time and energy digging for information to make decisions, serve constituents, and move projects forward. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and generative AI have become common phrases and are championed by some as a way to create efficiencies in the way we work. But what does AI mean, how does it work and how can local governments use the tools available to enhance capacity? Join us for a lively conversation from the professionals at Google to hear the impact this new technology can have on local government operations and learn how

public sector leaders can chart their path forward with the appropriate frameworks, tools, and governance structures with a responsible approach to AI across your organization.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

9:00 am – 9:50 am **Committee Meetings**

Public Safety Committee (Bergstrom B)

Community & Economic Development Committee (Bergstrom C)

10:00 am – 10:50 am **Committee Meetings**

Health & Human Services Committee (Bergstrom B)

Emergency Communications Committee (Bergstrom C)

11:00 am – 11:50 am **Committee Meetings**

Environmental Quality Committee (Bergstrom B)

Transportation Committee (Bergstrom C)

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Executive Directors' Council Meeting** (Bergstrom A)

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Legislative Committee Meeting & Collaboration Forum** (Chennault)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Budget & Bylaws Committee Meeting** (Del Valle)

9:00 am – 9:30 am **Coffee & Conversation** (Bergstrom AB)

9:30 am – 12:00 pm **Annual Board of Directors Meeting** (Bergstrom AB)

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been contracted at a discounted rate of \$184/night + tax for TARC members.

[Click here to Make Your Reservation](#)

The deadline to make or amend reservations within the block is **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**.

*Please note: This rate is guaranteed until **September 3, 2024**, or when the block is full, whichever comes first. After this date, rooms and rates are subject to availability.*

If you need to update an existing reservation, please reach out to TARC. Be sure to include your name, email address and the dates for your reservation.

REGISTRATION

Please be sure to register for this meeting. There is no need to provide proof of registration but if you're a fan of coffee, registration tells us how much we should order.

[Click here to Register.](#)