



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Community & Economic Development Staff Association Training & Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Whiskey River

AGENDA

9:00 AM	Call to Order & Welcome	Toni Lindsey, Chair Ark-Tex Council of Governments
9:05 AM	Staff Association Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old Business• New Business	Toni Lindsey
9:30 AM	Regional Roundtable: Innovations & Tools to Enhance Regional Economic Development Planning	Toni Lindsey
10:00 AM	Community Development Program Updates	Suzanne Barnard Director of CDBG Programs Texas Department of Agriculture
11:00 AM	Managing Innovation Through Community Engagement	Jason Cooley, Ph.D. Executive Director Allen Community Development Corporation
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:30 PM	Texas Economic Development & Tourism: Resources, Incentives, and Opportunities for Growth	Annie Dennis, PMP Deputy Director of Business and Community Development Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office of Governor Greg Abbott
2:30 PM	Regions on the Rise: Energizing & Empowering Regional Development	Jack Morgan Director of Programs National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)
3:30 PM	Latest Economic Development Administration (EDA) Developments and Highlights	Jorge Ayala Regional Director Economic Development Administration
4:30 PM	Adjourn	

Please join us Thursday, September 11, 2025, for the TARC Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting from 11:00 am – 11:50 am in Moon Tower A.