



Texas Association of Regional Councils

Programmatic Committee + Staff Association Meeting Agendas (Draft)

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Monday,
September 8, 2025



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Aging and Disability Resource Centers In-Person Training

**John H. Winters Building – PHR 125
701 W 51st St, Austin, TX 78751**

September 8, 2025

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Day 1

- Welcome & Announcements
- Community Services Senior Leadership Meet & Greet
- State of the Texas ADRC Program Roundtable
- Break

- Grant Management System Live Demo Part I
- Lunch
- Grant Management System Live Demo Part II
- Succession Planning Presentation



Aging and Disability Resource Centers TARC Training

**Cambria Austin Downtown
68 East Ave, Austin, TX 78701**

September 9, 2025

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Day 1

- Welcome
- OADRC Updates
- Understanding Risk: Impacts on Your Agency
- Break
- Leveraging Websites and Social Media to Support Programming

Tuesday,
September 9, 2025



**Office of Area Agencies on Aging
Area Agencies on Aging Training**

MEETING INFORMATION

Date & Time	9/9/2025 from 1:30-4:30 PM CST
Location	Cambria Hotel 68 East Ave Austin, TX

AGENDA

	Discussion Item	Presenters	Time Allocated
1	Welcome & Announcements	Katlyn Le, OAAA Director	1:30 – 2:00 PM
2	Planning Budget, Closeout Reconciliation, Request for Reimbursement Process Updates	Lori Conner, OAAA Manager	2:00 – 3:00 PM
3	MIPPA Updates	Trina Cortez, OAAA Manager	3:00 – 3:15 PM
4	BREAK		3:15 – 3:30 PM
5	Complaint Log Review	Patrick Duffy, OAAA Program Specialist	3:30 – 3:45 PM
6	Understanding Assessment Reports	Betty Flores, OAAA Manager	3:45 – 4:00 PM
8	Grant Management System Updates and Demo	Trina Cortez, OAAA Manager Katlyn Le, OAAA Director	4:00 – 4:30 PM

Wednesday,
September 10, 2025



Texas Association of
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Public Safety Training & Meeting

Joint training of the TARC Homeland Security Association of Texas
(HSAT) & the TARC Criminal Justice Planners' Association (CJPA)

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Waterloo B

AGENDA

8:30 am	Welcome & Introductions	Toby Virden West Central Texas Council of Governments HSAT Chair
8:35 am	Homeland Security Association of Texas (HSAT) Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer's Report• Approval of Minutes• New Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Officer Elections	Toby Virden
	Joint Public Safety Office Training	
9:00 am	Administrative & Contract Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract Reminders• eGrants User Roles and Accounts	Kim Hild Compliance and Operations Administrator
9:30 am	State Justice Programs Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative Updates	Chelssie Lopez State Justice Programs Administrator
9:45 am	Federal Justice Programs Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (SCIP) and State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) funding	Alyssa Smith Federal Justice Programs Administrator
10:00 am	Child Sex Trafficking Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sex Trafficking 101• Interventions to Recover and Support Healing	Janet Michalik Child Sex Trafficking Team Administrator
11:15 am	Grants from Start to Finish: COG Planners' Strategies for Timely Approvals	Kaylan Arendale , Moderator Lori Gunn , PRPC Marisa Quintanilla , RGCOG Cesar Merla , LRGVDC

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in Whiskey River

12:00 pm **Lunch on your own**

1:30 pm **Criminal Justice Strategic Plan Template
Training**

Kaylan Arendale
Director
Homeland Security and Criminal Justice
SETRPC

2:30 pm **Resilient Futures: Council of Governments
Hazard Mitigation Roundtable**

Toby Virden, Moderator
Kaylan Arendale, SETRPC
Jesse Hennage, CTCOG
Martin Ritchey, CAPCOG

3:15 pm **Connecting Communities and Natural
Resources: Joint Disaster Planning with
TPWD and COGs**

Rich Hildreth
Emergency Management Specialist
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

4:00 pm **Criminal Justice Planners' Association
Business Meeting**

- New Business
- Treasurer's Report
- Approval of Minutes

Kaylan Arendale
CJPA Chair
SETRPC

5:00 pm **Adjourn**

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Please register to attend: [Click here.](#)*

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9-1-1 Coordinators' Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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AGENDA

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| 9:00 AM | Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions | Rea Allen, Chair
Ark-Tex Council of Governments |
| 9:05 AM | Commission on State Emergency Communications Updates | Heather Barnes
Program Manager
CSEC |
| 10:00 AM | Staff Association Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approval of Minutes○ Treasurer's Report• New Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Officer Elections | Rea Allen |
| 10:30 AM | Report from Standing Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">II. By-Laws, Pete De La Cruz, ChairIII. Compliance, Sarah Wines, ChairIV. Database/GIS, John Streeb, ChairV. Legislative, Pete De La Cruz, ChairVI. NextGen Committee, Amanda Tienda, ChairVII. PSAP Operations Committee, Beth Eggar, ChairVIII. Strategic Planning/Equipment Replacement, Helen Hill Yancey ChairIX. Training/Public Education, Charlesetta Malone, ChairX. Wireless Services, Rea Allen, ChairXI. Emergency Communications Advisory Council Update, Kristine Hill & Pete De La Cruz | Standing Committee Chairs |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch on Your Own | |
| 1:30 PM | GEOCOMM Training | Erin Emmerich
GIS Coordinator
GEOCOMM |
| 3:30 PM | The Road Ahead: GIS Innovation in Emergency Communications Systems | Richard Wade
State Geographic Information Officer
Texas Geographic Information Office |
| 4:15 PM | Regional Roundtable: Replacement of Copper POTS Lines | Rea Allen |
| 5:00 PM | Adjourn | |

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[Click here to Register](#)

Please join us Thursday, September 11, 2025, for the Emergency Communications Committee meeting from 9:00 am to 9:50 am in Moon Tower A



Texas Association of
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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	Janie Havel North Texas Regional Representative 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	Turning Regional Data into Grant-Ready Strategies: An EDA Guide	Jorge Ayala Regional Director Angela Bonner Economic Development Representative 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.



Finance and Personnel Association Training & Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Moon Tower A

AGENDA

9:00 am	Call to Order & Welcome	Jeff King, Chair SETRPC
9:05 am	Responding to Unemployment Claims	Elsa Ramos Legal Counsel to Commissioner Joe Esparza Commissioner Representing Employers Texas Workforce Commission
10:00 am	FAPA Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Minutes• Treasurer's Report• Old Business• New Business	Jeff King
10:30 am	Regional Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting & Personnel Tools• Using Existing Tools for Board Presentations• Onboarding Best Practices	Jeff King
11:00 am	TxCDBG Updates for Finance Staff	Suzanne Barnard Director of Community Development Block Grant Programs Texas Department of Agriculture
11:30 am	Lunch on your own.	
1:00 pm	Fiscal Reporting & Monitoring Updates for Aging Programs	James Martin Contract Administration Manager Office of Area Agencies on Aging Texas Health and Human Services
2:00 pm	Grants Management Bootcamp <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internal Controls & Managing the Award• Property Management & Disposition• Working with Partners – Procurement Best Practices• Single Audit Preparation• Costs – A Deep Dive into Indirect Costs and Allowability• Q&A	Rachel Werner Principle MyFedTrainer
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

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Please register to attend at: <https://forms.office.com/r/75aw1Pe6ND>

(TARC is pleased to offer up to 6 hours CPE credit for CPAs -- ID-008190)



Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging Training & Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown| Moon Tower A

AGENDA

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| 9:00 am | Welcome and Introductions | Paula Johnson
T4A President
Harris County AAA |
| 9:05 am | Empowering Healthy Lifestyles: The CATCH Program in Partnership with Texas Health at Home | Dr. Janice Sparks
Executive Director
CATCH Community Care Hub
Christina Bartha
Texas Healthy at Home |
| 10:00 am | Updates on Federal Aging Policy | Amy Gotwals
Chief, Policy & External Affairs
USAgging |
| 11:00 am | T4A Business Meeting
Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
New Business | Paula Johnson |
| 11:30 am | Lunch on your own | |
| 1:00 pm | Accessible Programming Across State Agencies:
AgriLife Extension and the Texas Council for
Developmental Disabilities | Dr. Morgan Foster,
Disability Community Coordinators Initiative,
AgriLife Extension & TCDD
Rachel Brauner
AgriLife Extension
Evan Marczynski
Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities |
| 2:00 pm | Breaking Down the Budget: AAA Roundtable
Breakout Sessions | Paula Johnson |
| 3:00 pm | Progress and News from the Aging Texas Well
Initiative | Sara Damiano
Aging Texas Well Director
HHSC Office of Aging Services Coordination |
| 4:00 pm | Adjourn | |



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Solid Waste Planners' Association Training & Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Cambria Austin Downtown | Underdog

AGENDA

1:30 PM	Welcome & Roll Call	Erin Livingston Chair Houston-Galveston Area Council
1:35 PM	Innovations in Recycling	Ed Dominion Founder & CEO D6, Inc.
2:30 PM	Regional Solid Waste Grant Program Kick-Off & Updates	Jessica Uramkin & Anju Chalise Waste Permits Division Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
3:30 PM	Regional Roundtable: Best Practices for Coordinating Disaster Debris Management for Local Communities	Erin Hernandez Assistant Executive Director Concho Valley Council of Governments
4:00 PM	Connecting Air Quality and Energy Management Resources for Regional Programs	Shaun Marie Auckland Senior Manager Government & Community Engagement South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource (SPEER)
4:45 PM	Solid Waste Planners' Association Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Minutes• Treasurer's Report• Old Business• New Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Officer Elections	Erin Livingston
5:00 PM	Adjourn	

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[Click here to register for this meeting.](#)

Please join us Thursday, September 11, 2025, for the Environmental Quality Committee Meeting from 9:00 am – 9:50 am at the Cambria Austin Downtown in Whiskey River.

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Texas Association of
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Emergency Communications Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Cambria Downtown Austin | Moon Tower A

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
Russell Devorsky, Chair
Executive Director
Heart of Texas Council of
Governments (HOTCOG)
- II. Commission on State Emergency
Communications Update
Andrew Friedrichs
Executive Director
Commission on State Emergency
Communications
- III. Regional Emergency Communication
District Updates
- IV. Update on 9-1-1 Coordinators'
Association Activities
Rea Allen, Chair
9-1-1 Coordinators' Association
Ark-Tex Council of Governments
- V. New Business
Russell Devorsky
- VI. Adjourn



Texas Association of
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Environmental Quality Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Cambria Downtown Austin | Whiskey River

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, Introductions & Welcome

John Austin Stokes, Chair
Executive Director
Concho Valley Council of Governments

- II. The Future of Water Infrastructure Funding in Texas

Andrew Parks *(Invited)*
Director
Texas Senate Committee on Water,
Agriculture, and Rural Affairs

- III. Solid Waste Planners' Association Update

Erin Livingston, Chair
Houston-Galveston Area Council

- IV. Adjourn



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Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Moon Tower A

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order & Introductions Jim Reed, Chair
- II. Federal Transportation Policy Updates Caitlin Cook
Senior Director of Planning and Research
Association of Metropolitan Planning
Organizations
- III. Metropolitan Planning Organization Updates Jim Reed
- IV. Regional Roundtable: Rural Transit Michael Ada
 - Rural Transit Updates & Opportunities
 - Innovations in Regional Programming
- V. New Business Jim Reed
- VI. Adjourn



Texas Association of
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Public Safety Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Cambria Hotel Austin Downtown | Whiskey River

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions**
Manny Cruz, Chair
Executive Director
Lower Rio Grande Valley
Development Council
- II. **Connected Texas: Advancing Statewide Interoperability for Public Safety**
Aaron Slaughter
Statewide Interoperable Coordinator
Texas Department of Public Safety
Thomas Gilbert
Radio System Manager
Brazos Valley Wide Area
Communications System
Brazos Valley Council of Governments
- III. **Staff Association Updates**
 - a. TARC Homeland Security Association of Texas, Toby Virden, HSAT Chair
 - b. TARC Criminal Justice Planners' Association, Kaylan Arendale, CJPA Chair
- IV. **New Business**
Manny Cruz
- V. **Adjourn**



Texas Association of
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Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting

Thursday September 11, 2025
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Cambria Downton Austin | Moon Tower A

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, Introductions & Welcome
David Cleveland
Vice Chair, Executive Director
East Texas Council of Governments
- II. Introducing the Texas Regional Broadband Program
Lauren Weber
Digital Opportunity Outreach Coordinator
Idali Reyes
Digital Opportunity Specialist
Andrea Pacheco
Broadband Infrastructure Outreach Coordinator
Texas Broadband Development Office
Texas Office of the Comptroller
- III. Update on Community & Economic Development Staff Association Activities
Toni Lindsey, Chair
Community & Economic Development
Staff Association
Ark Tex Council of Governments
- IV. New Business
David Cleveland
- V. Adjourn



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Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Whiskey River

AGENDA

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Shanna Burke, Chair
South East Texas Regional Planning
Commission

II. Federal Funding & Legislative Update

Dana McGrath
Associate Commissioner
Local Access & Support
Texas Health and Human Services

III. Update on T4A Activities

Paula Johnson
T4A President
Harris County Area Agency on Aging

IV. New Business

Shanna Burke

V. Adjourn