



Texas Association of Regional Councils

Executive Directors' Council and Policy Committee Meeting Agendas (Draft)

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of Regional Councils

Bi-Annual Staff Training & Board of Directors Meeting

Cambria Austin Downtown | Austin, TX

February 3-6, 2026

**All TARC Meeting events located on the 6th floor*

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

9:00 am – 5:00 pm **Texas Regional Broadband Program Kickoff Meeting** (Moon Tower)
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm **HHSC Office of Area Agencies on Aging Training** (Waterloo)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm **TARC Staff Association Trainings & Meetings**
Joint Public Safety Training & Meeting (Waterloo B)
9:00 am – 5:00 pm **TARC Staff Association Trainings & Meetings**
Community & Economic Development Staff Association (Waterloo A)
Finance and Personnel Association (Moon Tower A)
Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Moon Tower B)
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm **TARC Staff Association Trainings & Meetings**
Solid Waste Planners' Association (Whiskey River)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

9:00 am – 9:50 am **Committee Meetings**
Environmental Quality Committee (Whiskey River)
Transportation Committee (Moon Tower A)
10:00 am – 10:50 am **Committee Meetings**
Public Safety Committee (Whiskey River)
Community & Economic Development Committee (Moon Tower A)
11:00 am – 11:50 am **Committee Meetings**
Health & Human Services Committee (Whiskey River)
Emergency Communications Committee (Moon Tower A)
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Executive Directors' Council Meeting** (Waterloo)
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Legislative Committee Meeting & Collaboration Forum** (Moon Tower)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Budget & Bylaws Committee Meeting** (Whiskey River)

9:00 am – 9:30 am [Coffee & Conversation](#) (Moon Tower)
9:30 am – 12:00 pm [Board of Directors Meeting](#) (Moon Tower)

EVENT NOTES

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.](#)

The meeting rooms can get chilly. We recommend dressing in layers to ensure your comfort, easily adjust to the varying temperatures, and stay focused on the fantastic content we have lined up.

HOTEL INFORMATION

We will be gathering once again in the vibrant [Rainy Street area of Austin](#)! The [Cambria Hotel Austin Downtown](#) is located at 67 East, right on the southbound access road of I-35 in the Rainey Street District. (Please be aware, there is construction along 35 through downtown Austin so pack your patience.) All TARC meetings will take place on the 6th floor of the hotel.

The room block has closed but if you need assistance with making, amending or cancelling a reservation, please email kliledowty@txregionalcouncil.org.

PARKING

TARC has negotiated a 50% discount (\$25/night) on parking for overnight guests at the hotel. Please let the valet attendant know you are with the Texas Association of Regional Councils. [We encourage guests to tip accordingly if you're pleased with the service.](#)

The hotel does not have a self-park garage option. Due to the volume of attendees, please expect a **brief wait for parking**, especially during peak times. The hotel will be fully staffed and prepared and will utilize a **secondary overflow garage** located approximately 7 minutes from the hotel.

You may receive automated texts from the hotel noting a different parking rate. The language in the message includes the hotel's standard rate but when you arrive, be sure to let the parking attendant and/or hotel staff know you're there for TARC and they will ensure you receive the negotiated parking rate.

Meeting information subject to change.



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Executive Directors' Council Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2026

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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AGENDA

Call to Order & Introductions

Eric Bridges, Chair

Texas Regional Broadband Program Update

Alex Guerrero

- Consideration & Approval of Authorizing TARC Executive Director to Negotiate and Contract with Digital Opportunity Planning & Technical Assistance Consultant (*Action Item*)

TARC Committee Updates & Discussion

- Health and Human Services Committee

Shanna Burke

- Texas Community Care Hub Initiative

- **Christina Bartha**, CEO, *Texas Healthy at Home*

- Public Safety Committee

Manny Cruz

- Consideration of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Community Preparedness Planning Project Resolution 1/1/2025 – 2/28/2026 (*Action Item*)

- Consideration of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Community Preparedness Planning Project Resolution 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026 (*Action Item*)

- Consideration of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Community Preparedness Planning Project Resolution 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027 (*Action Item*)

- Transportation Committee

Jim Reed

- Community & Economic Development Committee

David Cleveland

- Environmental Quality Committee

Mary Beth Rudel

- Emergency Communications

Russell Devorsky

TARC Financial Report Presentation

John Minnix

Old Business

Eric Bridges

- Discussion of TARC Human Resources/Employment Law Member Service
 - **Laura Ingram**, *Principal, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.*

New Business

Eric Bridges

Adjourn

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Legislative Committee & Collaboration Forum

Thursday, February 5, 2026

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

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AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

Jim Holmes

TARC President & Chair

**State Demographic Trends and Preparing
for the 2030 Census**

Monica Cruz

State Data Center Lead
Texas Demographic Center

**2026 & Beyond – State & Federal Policy
Updates**

John Austin Stokes

Executive Director

Kimberly Lile Dowty

Associate Director

Adjourn



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Budget & Bylaws Committee Meeting

Friday, February 6, 2026

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Self-Introductions
- III. Committee Business
 - a. Review and Approval of TARC Check Register, 8/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
 - b. Receive and Accept TARC Financial and Investment Reports
 - i. Balance Sheet and Revenue & Expense Report as of 12/31/2025
 - ii. Investment Report as of 12/31/2025
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Long-Term Financial Sustainability
 - b. Fiscal Management Transition Discussion
- VI. Adjourn

Jeff Boyd, Chair

Committee Members

John Minnix
John Austin Stokes

Jeff Boyd

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