



Texas Association of Regional Councils

Programmatic Committee + Staff Association Meeting Agendas (Draft)

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TARC September 2026 Bi-Annual Staff Training & Annual Board of Directors Meeting

September 15–18, 2026

Cambria Hotel Austin Downtown | 68 East Avenue, Austin, TX

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Pre-Conference Trainings | 6th Floor

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Office of Aging & Disability Resources Training**

Moon Tower

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Texas Regional Broadband Program Workshop**

Waterloo

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Office of Area Agencies on Aging Training**

Moon Tower

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Staff Association Trainings & Meetings | 6th Floor

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM **Joint Public Safety Training & Meeting**

Waterloo B

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Community & Economic Development Staff Association**

Underdog

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Finance and Personnel Association**

Moon Tower A

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging**

Moon Tower B

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM **911 Coordinators' Association**

Waterloo A

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Solid Waste Planners' Association**

Whiskey River

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Committee Meetings, EDs' Council & Collaboration Forum | 6th Floor

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

Emergency Communications Committee | Moon Tower A
Environmental Quality Committee | Whiskey River

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

Transportation Committee | Moon Tower A
Public Safety Committee | Whiskey River

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

Community & Economic Development Committee | Moon Tower A
Health & Human Services Committee | Whiskey River

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Executive Directors' Council Meeting Waterloo <i>Lunch will be served</i>
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	COG Communicators Group Meeting Whiskey River
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Legislative Committee Meeting & Collaboration Forum Moon Tower

Friday, September 18, 2026

Annual Board of Directors Meeting | 6th Floor

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Budget & Bylaws Committee Meeting Whiskey River
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Coffee & Conversation Moon Tower
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	TARC Board of Directors Annual Meeting Moon Tower

Hotel

Cambria Hotel Austin Downtown, 68 East Avenue, Austin, TX 78701. All meetings on the 6th floor.

The room block has closed. If you need assistance with reservations, please email Nicole at nnixon@txregionalcouncil.org.

Registration

[Click Here to Register](#)

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Tuesday,
September 15, 2026



TRBP Intensive Workshop 1

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Waterloo

AGENDA

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| 9:00 am | Welcome | John Austin Stokes
Executive Director
Texas Association of Regional Councils |
| 9:15 am | Fireside Chat: Building a Connected Texas – State Vision, National Trends, and the Work Ahead | [Speaker to be determined]

Sarah Morris
Senior Principal
HR&A Advisors |
| 9:45 am | TRBP Program Implementation Guidance and Updates | Alex Guerrero
Director of Regional Initiatives
Texas Association of Regional Councils |
| 10:05 am | Community-Driven Adoption Strategies: Lessons from the Field | Facilitator: Maile Martinez
Principal
HR&A Advisors |
| 10:50 am | Break | |
| 11:00 am | Digital Opportunity Speed Dating | Facilitator: Janine Clark
Senior Analyst
HR&A Advisors |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch (on your own) | |
| 1:30 pm | Gather and Orient for the Afternoon | Maile Martinez |
| 1:40 pm | Cohort Workshops
Tiers A & B: Engagement Workshop (Waterloo)
Facilitators:
Molly Weiner, Director, Local & Regional Planning, Connected Nation
Maile Martinez & Janine Clark, HR&A Advisors

Tier C: Implementation Workshop (Whiskey River)
Facilitators:
Danny Fuchs, Partner, HR&A Advisors
Sarah Morris, HR&A Advisors | |
| 3:10 pm | Break | |

3:20 pm Goal and Subject Area Deep Dives

Facilitators:

Sarah Morris, Maile Martinez , Janine Clark, HR&A Advisors

Chris Pedersen, Executive Vice President, Development and Planning & **Molly Weiner**,
Connected Nation

4:30 pm Reflections

Facilitator: Maile Martinez

4:50 pm Closing Remarks & Next Steps

Alex Guerrero

5:00 pm Adjourn

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Please register to attend: [TARC September 2026 Meeting Registration](#)

Wednesday,
September 16, 2026



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Joint Public Safety Training & Meeting

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

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Waterloo B

AGENDA

8:30 am	Welcome & Introductions	Mike Claude Deep East Texas Council of Governments HSAT Chair
8:35 am	Homeland Security Association of Texas (HSAT) Business Meeting • Treasurer's Report • Approval of Minutes • New Business ○ Officer Elections	Mike Claude
9:00 am	Introduction	Andrew Friedrichs Executive Director Office of the Governor/Public Safety Office
9:15 am	FY27 COG Contract	Shelby Vaughan Compliance Coordinator OOG/PSO
9:30 am	Texas Crime Stoppers	Erin Cole Lead Program Coordinator Texas Crime Stoppers OOG/PSO
10:30 am	Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion	Sam Terry Associate Administrator State Justice Programs OOG/PSO
10:45 am	Crime Victim Notification	Donald Stout Administrator Victim Services Hillary England Deputy Director Victim Services and Prevention Programs

Please join us on Thursday, September 17, 2026, for the Public Safety Committee meeting from 10:00 am to 10:50 am in Whiskey River

OOG/PSO

11:15 am **Statewide Emergency Radio
Infrastructure Program (SERI)**

Will Ogletree
Administrator
Terrorism Preparedness
OOG/PSO

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

1:30 pm **The Statewide Communication
Interoperability Plan (SCIP): Changes
That May Affect Grants**

Aaron Slaughter
Statewide Interoperable Coordinator
Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS)

2:30 pm **AI, Threats, and Truths: What You
Need to Know About Cybersecurity
Today**

Mike Bell
Senior Cybersecurity Advisor
Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk
Pool (TMLIRP)

3:30 pm **The Final Step Matters: Navigating
Computerized Criminal History
Dispositions with CJIS**

Andrew “Drew” Lambert
Training and Development Specialist
TxDPS

4:30 pm **Criminal Justice Planners’ Association
Business Meeting**

- Treasurer’s Report
- Approval of Minutes

New Business

Kaylan Arendale
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
CJPA Chair

5:00 pm **Adjourn**

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Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Community & Economic Development Staff Association Training & Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Underdog

AGENDA

9:00 AM	Call to Order & Welcome	Toni Lindsey, Chair Ark-Tex Council of Governments
9:05 AM	Staff Association Meeting • Old Business • New Business	Toni Lindsey
9:10 AM	Brownfields Response Program: Resources for Texas Communities	Andrea Piñon, Ph.D. Brownfields Response Program Railroad Commission of Texas
10:10 AM	Turning Data Into Action: Energy Efficient Strategies	Shaun Auckland Senior Manager, Government and Community Engagement SPEER
11:30 AM	Lunch on your own	
1:00 PM	Navigating Resources for Local Growth: Funding, Data, and Technical Assistance	Evan Wolstencroft Program Manager Texas Rural Funders
2:00 PM	Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE): The Texas Toolkit for Local Governments	Dub Taylor Chief Executive Director TX PACE Authority
3:00 PM	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Updates	Suzanne Barnard Director of CDBG Programs Texas Department of Agriculture
4:00 PM	Adjourn	

Please join us Thursday, September 17, 2026, 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 16, 2026

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	Employment Law News	Laura Ingram Principal, Employment Law Practice Group Lloyd Gosselink
10:30 am	Mastering Reporting Requirements & Understanding State Salary Classification	Charles Wilson Manager, Risk Assessment Team Lara Tai Manager, Classification Team Texas State Auditor's Office
11:30 am	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 pm	Mitigating Organizational Cybersecurity Risks	Mike Bell Senior Cybersecurity Advisor TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool
2:00 pm	Compliance Best Practices for Employers	Tonya Lennox Outreach and Education Coordinator/Small Business Liaison Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
3:00 pm	Indirect Cost Recovery Refresh & Audit Readiness	Clayton Rogers, CPA Audit Manager Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP
4:00 pm	Regional Roundtable: Texas Regional Broadband Program Invoicing	Jeff King
4:30 pm	FAPA Business Meeting • Approval of Minutes • Treasurer's Report • Officer Elections • Old Business • New Business	Jeff King
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

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(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 16, 2026

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown| Moon Tower B

AGENDA

9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions	Paula Johnson T4A President Harris County AAA
9:05 am	Updates on Federal Aging Policy	Amy Gotwals Chief, Policy & External Affairs USAgings
10:00 am	Texas Hub Network Update	Dr. Janice Sparks Executive Director CATCH Community Care Hub Christina Bartha Texas Healthy at Home
11:00am	T4A Business Meeting ○ Approval of Minutes ○ Treasures Report ○ Old Business ○ New Business	Paula Johnson
11:30 am	Lunch on your own	
1:00 pm	Protecting Older Texans from Fraud & Scams	Ann Baddour Project Director Texas Appleseed Stephanie Mace AARP
2:00 pm	Strengthening Partnerships: Texas Elder Justice Resources & Collaboration	Lyn Scott Chief Executive Officer, Guardianship Services, Inc. Texas Elder Justice Coalition Co-Lead
3:00 pm	From Workshop to Statewide Impact: Replicating Aging Services Training Across Texas	Jennifer Scott Director of Aging Programs Valeria Rios Capital Area Council of Government
4:00 pm	Aging, Dementia, and the Care Gap: How population trends are shaping the demand for care and delivery systems in Texas	Jacqueline Angel Professor of Public Affairs and Sociology UT Austin
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

Please join us Thursday, September 17, 2026, for the TARC Health and Human Services Committee Meeting from 11:00 am – 11:50 am in Whiskey River.



9-1-1 Coordinators' Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Waterloo A

AGENDA

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| 9:00 AM | Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions | Charlesetta Malone, Chair
Deep East Texas
Council of Governments |
| 9:05 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 | Charlesetta Malone |
| 9:35 AM | Report from Standing Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. By-Laws, Pete De La Cruz, ChairII. Compliance, Sarah Wines, ChairIII. Database/GIS, John Streeb, ChairIV. Legislative, Pete De La Cruz, ChairV. NextGen Committee, Amanda Tienda, ChairVI. PSAP Operations Committee, Beth Eggar, ChairVII. Strategic Planning/Equipment Replacement, Amanda Tienda, ChairVIII. Training/Public Education, Charlesetta Malone, ChairIX. Wireless Services, Rea Allen, ChairX. Emergency Communications Advisory Council Update, Kristine Hill & Pete De La Cruz | Standing Committee Chairs |
| 10:30 AM | Peer-to-Peer: 9-1-1 Coordinators Roundtable | Charlesetta Malone |
| 11:30 AM | Lunch on Your Own | |
| 1:00 PM | Beyond Borders: International Wireless Calls & the TXShare Advantage | Rodger Mann
Chief Innovation Officer
Jessie Shadowens-James
Chief 9-1-1 Administrative Officer
North Central Texas Emergency
Communications District |
| 2:30 PM | From DIR to TXCC: Navigating Texas's New Cybersecurity Landscape | Joe Poole
Director – Cyber Incident Response Unit
Texas Cyber Command |
| 4:00 PM | Adjourn | |

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Please join us Thursday, September 17, 2026, for the Emergency Communications Committee meeting from 9:00 am to 9:50 am in Moon Tower A



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Solid Waste Planners' Association Training & Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Cambria Austin Downtown | Whiskey River

AGENDA

9:00 AM	Welcome & Roll Call	Erin Livingston Houston-Galveston Area Council
9:15 AM	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Training & Updates	Jessica Uramkin & Charly Fritz Waste Permits Division TCEQ
10:15 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	Thirsty Data: Water Use at Data Centers	Dr. Margaret Cook Houston Advanced Research Center
11:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 PM	Understanding Our Stakeholders: Texas School Districts	Joanie Arrott Texas Association of School Boards
1:40 PM	Electronics Collection: Insight into Successful Collection	Lisa Kneller URT Solutions
2:20 PM	Break	
2:35 PM	Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Legislative Report	Erin Livingston Houston-Galveston Area Council
3:05 PM	Regional Roundtable: End of the Biennium Spend Down	
3:35 PM	Solid Waste Planners' Association Meeting • Approval of Minutes • Treasurer's Report • Election of Officers • Old Business • New Business	Erin Livingston
4:15 PM	Regional Roundtable: Peer Support & Idea Exchange	
5:00 PM	Adjourn	

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Please join us Thursday, September 17, 2026, for the Environmental Quality Committee meeting from 9:00 am to 9:50 am at the Cambria Austin Downtown in Whiskey River.

Thursday,
September 17, 2026



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Emergency Communications Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Cambria Hotel Austin Downtown | Moon Tower A

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
Russell Devorsky, Chair
Executive Director, Heart of Texas
Council of Governments
(HOTCOG)
- II. Regional Emergency Communication
District Updates
Jim Reed
Executive Director, Central Texas
Council of Governments (CTCOG)
- III. Commission on State Emergency
Communications Updates
Kate Blifford
Executive Director
CSEC
- IV. Update on 9-1-1 Coordinators'
Association Activities
Charlesetta Malone, Chair
9-1-1 Coordinators' Association
- V. New Business
Russell Devorsky
- VI. Adjourn



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Environmental Quality Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Cambria Downtown Austin | Whiskey River

AGENDA

I. Call to Order, Introductions & Welcome

Mary Beth Rudel, Chair
Executive Director
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

II. TCEQ Legislative Appropriations Request

III. Solid Waste Planners' Association Update

Erin Livingston, Chair
Houston-Galveston Area Council

IV. Adjourn



Texas Association of
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Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026
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 News
& the Latest on Reauthorization Katie Economou
Legislative Director
Ryan Coady
Legislative Associate
Association of Metropolitan
Planning Organizations
- III. Additional Business Jim Reed
- IV. Adjourn



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Cambria Hotel Austin Downtown | Whiskey River

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions**
Manny Cruz, Chair
Lower Rio Grande Valley
Development Council
- II. **HB 33 – Uvalde Strong Act: TCOLE
Training Updates**
Cullen Grissom
Deputy Chief
Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- III. **Staff Association Updates**
 - a. TARC Homeland Security Association of Texas, Mike Claude, HSAT Chair
 - b. TARC Criminal Justice Planners' Association, Kaylan Arendale, CJPA Chair
- IV. **New Business**
Manny Cruz
- V. **Adjourn**



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting

Thursday September 17, 2026

11:00AM - 11:50AM

Cambria Downtown Austin | Moon Tower A

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order, Introductions & Welcome**

David Cleveland, Chair
East Texas Council of
Governments

- II. **Community & Economic Development Updates
and Potential Funding Opportunities from the
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD)**

Dan Reece
TPWD Local Park Grants Manager

- III. **Update on Community & Economic
Development Staff Association
Activities**

Toni Lindsey, Chair
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

- IV. **New Business**

David Cleveland

- V. **Adjourn**



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

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



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

COG Communicators Group Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Whiskey River

AGENDA

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| 1:00 pm | Call to Order & Welcome | Lindsay Vanderbilt
ETCOG |
| 1:05 pm | Best Practices for Implementing
Web Content Accessibility
Guidelines | Marie Cohan
Statewide Digital Accessibility Coordinator
Texas Department of Information Resources |
| 2:00 pm | Regional Roundtable: Enhancing Member Services | |
| 2:30 pm | Planning for the Year Ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership• Meeting Cadence• Upcoming Topics | Lindsay Vanderbilt |
| 3:00 pm | Adjourn | |

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