

Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
RGVMPO POLICY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – 12:00 PM

MINUTES

Presiding: Chairman Eddie Trevino, Jr. (Cameron County)

I) Call to Order

Chairman Eddie Treviño, Jr. called the Special Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 12:00 P.M., and a quorum was established. The TPB Meeting was hybrid held in person at the Ken Jones Board Room located at 301 West Railroad Weslaco, Texas with members present and online via teams.

II) Roll Call

RGVMPO TPB Representatives in attendance were as follows:

Members Present:	
Entity	Individual
Cameron County	Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. (Chairman) – PRESENT (in-person) Com. David Garza (Alternate)
Hidalgo County	Comm. David L. Fuentes (Vice-Chairman) – PRESENT (in-person) Comm. Everardo Villarreal (Proxy) -
City of Brownsville	Mayor John Cowen (Designee) – PRESENT (virtual) Helen Ramirez (Proxy)
City of McAllen	Mayor Javier Villalobos (Designee) Roel “Roy” Rodriguez (Alternate) – PRESENT (virtual)
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ramiro Garza (Designee) - ABSENT Comm. Daniel “Dan” Diaz (Alternate)
City of Mission	Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza (Designee) – PRESENT (in-person) City Manager - Randy Perez (Alternate)
City of Harlingen	Mayor Norma Sepulveda (Designee) – PRESENT (virtual) Gabriel Gonzalez (Alternate)
City of Pharr	Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez (Designee) – ABSENT Comm. Daniel Chavez (Alternate)
Starr County	Judge Eloy Vera (Designee) Reyna Guerra Proxy – PRESENT
City of San Benito	Mayor Ricardo “Rick” Guerra (Designee) – ABSENT Manuel De La Rosa (Alternate)
Cameron County RMA	Frank Parker, Jr. (Designee) – PRESENT (virtual) Arturo A. Nelson (Alternate)
Hidalgo County RMA	S. David Deanda Jr. (Designee) – ABSENT Ramon Navarro, V. (Proxy)
Valley Metro	Tom Logan (Designee) – PRESENT (in-person) Nancy Sanchez (Alternate)
TxDOT Pharr District	Pedro “Pete” Alvarez (Designee) Norma Garza (Proxy) – PRESENT (in-person)
EX-OFFICIO	
RGV Partnership	
LRGVDC	Manuel Cruz
GUEST	
Others Present:	
RGVMPO	Andrew Canon
RGVMPO	Staff

III) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Andrew Canon's resignation

Chairman Judge Trevino called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their prompt attendance, considering the short notice of the special meeting.

Chairman Judge Trevino informed the board of Andrew Canon's resignation from his position as Executive Director approximately 10-12 days ago.

Chairman Judge Trevino expressed his gratitude to Andrew Canon for his dedicated service to the RGV MPO, Hidalgo County MPO, and the entire RGV. He commended Mr. Canon's role in fostering growth, expansion, and development in the region, recognizing the challenges that come with such progress. He wished Mr. Canon and his family the best in their future endeavors.

A motion to accept Mr. Canon's resignation was made by the City of Mission and seconded by Hidalgo County. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Appointment of Interim Executive Director

Chairman Judge Trevino highlighted the importance of a seamless transition and suggested appointing Luis Diaz as the interim Executive Director to work alongside the policy board and technical board during this period.

Andrew Canon supported this suggestion, emphasizing Luis's suitability for the interim role due to his lack of interest in the permanent position. He noted Luis's dedication to his job and family, making him well-suited to ensure a smooth transition.

Hidalgo County Commissioner David L. Fuentes expressed agreement with the proposal, highlighting Luis's initiative as the sole candidate for the interim position and the benefits of consistency during times of change. Commissioner Fuentes made a motion to formalize Luis's appointment, which was seconded by the city of Mission.

LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz sought clarification on the compensation for the interim position, suggesting that compensation be discussed in the next regular meeting. Commissioner David L. Fuentes agreed with this approach, considering the potential retroactive adjustment of compensation.

The motion to appoint Luis as the interim Executive Director was carried out with unanimous support.

Chairman Judge Trevino expressed confidence in Luis's ability to lead during the transition and thanked him because his acceptance would be providing time for a comprehensive interview process to select the permanent Executive Director.

A motion was made by Hidalgo County Commissioner David L. Fuentes, and it was seconded by the City of Mission.

3. Approval of Job Description for Executive Director

Chairman Judge Eddie Trevino introduced Item 3 on the agenda and mentioned that Manuel Cruz and the staff had been tasked with gathering job descriptions from other MPOs, including Harris County, Longview, North Central Texas COG, Texarkana, and Laredo. Laredo's job description had already been obtained. Hidalgo County Commissioner David L. Fuentes shared that during previous meetings, there had been discussions about improving the job description, particularly considering the evaluation process. He emphasized the importance of incorporating relevant considerations into the description.

Chairman Judge Trevino suggested that all gathered job descriptions be shared with the board members for their review. He asked Manuel Cruz to ensure that the board members receive these documents.

Chairman Judge Trevino expressed the hope that by the next meeting on the 25th, the board would have a clearer understanding of what changes or ideas they wish to incorporate into the job description. He emphasized that having Luis in the interim position provided some flexibility, allowing them to conduct a thorough search without rushing.

Manuel Cruz confirmed that they would discuss and finalize the job description during the next meeting, considering the input of board members.

Chairman Judge Trevino opened the floor for additional comments.

Andrew Canon shared that the decision to resign had been a difficult one, citing personal reasons related to family. He explained that proximity to family members, particularly after the loss of his mother-in-law,

played a significant role in the decision. He expressed gratitude for the consideration and support he had received.

Chairman Judge Trevino acknowledged Andrew's contributions and expressed appreciation for his dedication over the past 20 years. He acknowledged that Andrew's presence would be missed.

No Action presented for this item.

V) **New or Unfinished Business**

VI) **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the RGVMPD TPB Members, Chairman Judge Trevino called the meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.

ATTEST: _____


RGVMPD POLICY COMMITTEE
(TPB) VICE CHAIRMAN