



MEETING MINUTES  
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
December 8, 2023-2:00 PM  
Corpus Christi, Texas

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments was held at 2:00 pm on Friday, December 8, 2023. This meeting was held in hybrid format by videoconference pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127 which states a governmental body that extends into three or more counties may meet by videoconference call only if the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting is physically present at the location of the meeting. Judge David Krebs (San Patricio County), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman, was present at the meeting. Board members and individuals from the public who desired to attend in person, accessed the meeting at 2910 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Please see attachment for members attended for December 8, 2023 meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Judge David Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Interim Executive Director Veronica Toomey called roll and confirmed a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis DeWitt, Bee County, to approve the October 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Roland Barrera, City of Corpus Christi. The October 27, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor JoAnn Ehmann, City of Ingleside on the Bay, presented a report on cash transactions and month-end cash balances for the months of October and November 2023. Judge George "Trace" Morrill, Bee County, moved to approve October 2023 Cash Report and Commissioner Leslie Casterline, Aransas County, seconded the motion. Commissioner Leslie Casterline moved to approve November 2023 Cash Report and Mr. Patrick Rios, Aransas County, Past Chairman, seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Reports were approved by unanimous vote.

4. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- (1) Judge David Krebs presented the Executive Board's appointment to the Public Protection Committee:

- District Attorney Carlos Garcia, 79<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts
- Chief Eric Gonzalez, Flour Bluff ISD Law Enforcement
- Captain Milton Rivera, Nueces County Law Enforcement
- Sr. Officer Shawn Barnes, City of Corpus Christi Law Enforcement/Mental Health

Mayor JoAnn Ehmann, City of Ingleside on the Bay, made a motion to approve the appointments to the Public Protection Committee and Judge George Morrill, Bee County, seconded the motion. The Public Protection Committee appointments were approved by unanimous vote.

(2) Judge David Krebs presented the Executive Board's appointment to the Nominating Committee:

- City Commissioner Ann Marie Torres, Chair, Kleberg County
- Commissioner Dennis DeWitt, Bee County
- Commissioner Margie Gonzalez, Jim Wells County
- Judge George Morrill, Bee County
- Commissioner Chuck Schultz, Kleberg County
- Mayor JoAnn Ehmann, San Patricio County
- Mayor Cathy Skurow, San Patricio County
- Council Member Gil Hernandez, Nueces County
- Peter Collins, Nueces County
- Judge Ray Garza, Aransas County
- Judge Pete Trevino, Jim Wells County
- Judge Eric Ramos, Brooks County

Past Chairman Patrick Rios, made a motion to approve the appointments to the Nominating Committee and Councilmember Roland Barrera, City of Corpus Christi, seconded the motion. The Nominating Committee appointments were approved by unanimous vote.

(3) Resolution No. 4073

A resolution authorizing a FY2023 Indirect costs budgetary line-item transfer from Personnel costs of \$10,000 to contracted IT services.

Mayor JoAnn Ehmann, City of Ingleside on the Bay, presented Resolution No. 4073. Commissioner Leslie Casterline, Aransas County, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4073, Judge George "Trace" Morrill, Bee County, seconded the motion. Resolution No. 4073 was approved by unanimous vote.

(4) FY2024 Proposed CBCOG Budget

Mayor JoAnn Ehmann, presented the FY2024 Budget. Commissioner Dennis DeWitt, Bee County, made a motion to approve the FY2024 Budget as presented, Councilmember Roland Barrera, City of Corpus Christi, seconded the motion. FY2024 CBCOG Budget was approved by unanimous vote.

B. PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 4074

A resolution authorizing the Interim Executive Director to execute a contract with Del Mar College to provide training facilities, instructors, and classes for the 2023-2025 Coastal Bend Regional Training Academy.

Mr. David Towler, Vice-Chair, Public Protection Committee, presented Resolution No. 4074. Commissioner Dennis DeWitt, Bee County, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4074, Mayor JoAnn Ehmann, City of Ingleside on the Bay, seconded the motion. Resolution No. 4074 was approved by unanimous vote.

C. HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 4075

A resolution adopting Coastal Bend Council of Governments' (CBCOG) Regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and The Stakeholder Preparedness Report (SPR).

R. J. Thomas, Director of Homeland Security, presented Resolution No. 4075. Mayor JoAnn Ehmann, City of Ingleside on the Bay, made a motion to approve Resolution 4075, Councilmember Roland Barrera, City of Corpus Christi, seconded the motion. Resolution No. 4075 was approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Commissioner Margie Gonzalez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Commissioner Chuck Schultz, Secretary

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| <b>Member Governments/Voting Representatives</b> | <b>9/22/2023</b> | <b>10/27/2023</b> | <b>12/8/2023</b> |
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| <b>Aransas County (2 votes)</b>                  |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge Ray A Garza                                | P                | P                 |                  |
| Commissioner Leslie Casterline                   | P                |                   | P                |
| <b>City of Rockport</b>                          |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Tim Jayroe                                 |                  |                   | E                |
| Alternate: Andrea Hattman                        |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Town of Fulton</b>                            |                  |                   |                  |
| Council Member MaryAnn Pahmiyer                  | P                | P                 | P                |
| <b>Bee County (2 votes)</b>                      |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge George "Trace" Morrill                     | P                | E                 | P                |
| Commissioner Dennis DeWitt                       | P                |                   | P                |
| Alternates: Commissioner Kristofer (Kris) Linny  |                  |                   |                  |
| Commissioner Tino Olivares                       |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Beeville</b>                          |                  |                   |                  |
| Council Member Alexis Bledsoe                    | P                | P                 | Z                |
| Alternate: Michael Willow                        |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Brooks County (1 vote)</b>                    |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge Eric Ramos                                 |                  | P                 |                  |
| Alternate: Commissioner Horacio Villarreal       |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Falfurrias</b>                        |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Justo Ramirez                              |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Duval County (1 vote)</b>                     |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge Arnoldo Cantu                              |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternate: Dora Paiz                             |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Benavides</b>                         |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Ramiro Saenz                               |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Freer</b>                             |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Martin Martinez Jr                         |                  |                   |                  |

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| <b>City of San Diego</b>                         |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Sally Lichtenberger                        |                  | P                 | Z                |
| Alternate: Jose S Martinez III                   |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Jim Wells County (3 votes)</b>                |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge Pedro "Pete" Trevino                       | P                | P                 |                  |
| Commissioner Margie Gonzalez                     | P                | P                 |                  |
| Ms. Isabel M. Trevino                            | P                | P                 | P                |
| Alternate: Commissioner Wicho Gonzalez           |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Alice</b>                             |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Cynthia Carrasco                           | P                | P                 | P                |
| City Manager Michael Esparza                     |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternates: Arlene Medrano                       |                  |                   |                  |
| Gabriel Anzaldua                                 |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Orange Grove</b>                      |                  |                   |                  |
| City Administrator Todd Wright                   | P                | P                 | Z                |
| Alternate: Mayor Carl Srp                        |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Premont</b>                           |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Priscilla Vargas                           |                  |                   | Z                |
| <b>Kenedy County (1 vote)</b>                    |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge Charles Burns                              | P                |                   |                  |
| Alternate: Eddie Cruz                            |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Kleberg County (2 votes)</b>                  |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge Rudy Madrid                                |                  |                   |                  |
| Commissioner Chuck Schultz                       | P                | P                 | P                |
| Alternates: Ms. Frances Garcia                   | P                | P                 | P                |
| Sheriff Richard Kirkpatrick                      |                  |                   | P                |
| <b>City of Kingsville</b>                        |                  |                   |                  |
| Commissioner Ann Marie Torres                    | P                |                   |                  |
| City Manager Mark McLaughlan                     | P                | E                 | P                |
| Alternate: Norma Alvarez                         |                  | P                 | P                |

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| <b>Live Oak County (1 vote)</b>                  |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge James Liska                                |                  |                   | E                |
| Alternate: Former Judge Jim Huff                 |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of George West</b>                       |                  |                   |                  |
| Chief Libby Shelton                              |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Three Rivers</b>                      |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Felipe Martinez                            |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Nueces County (17 votes)</b>                  |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge Connie Scott                               |                  |                   |                  |
| Commissioner Robert Hernandez                    |                  | P                 |                  |
| Commissioner John Marez                          |                  |                   |                  |
| Commissioner Joe A. Gonzalez                     |                  |                   |                  |
| Commissioner Brent Chesney                       |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Dale Atchley                                 |                  |                   |                  |
| Ms. Dee Hawkins                                  | P                | P                 | Z                |
| Vacant   |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Michael Robinson                             |                  |                   |                  |
| Vacant   |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Darrell Earwood                              |                  | P                 | Z                |
| Ms. Rebecca Rach                                 |                  |                   | Z                |
| Mr. Juan De La Cerda                             | P                |                   |                  |
| Mr. Juan Pimentel                                |                  |                   |                  |
| Ms. Anna Velazquez                               | P                | P                 | P                |
| Mr. Timothy Everest                              |                  |                   |                  |
| Vacant   |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternates: Ms. Sandra Santos                    |                  |                   |                  |
| Ms. Deanna King                                  |                  | P                 |                  |
| <b>City of Agua Dulce</b>                        |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor John Howard                                |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Bishop</b>                            |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Noel Barrera Lopez                         |                  |                   |                  |

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| <b>City of Corpus Christi</b>                    |                  |                   |                  |
| Council Member Roland Barrera                    | P                |                   | P                |
| Council Member Michael Hunter                    |                  |                   | P                |
| Council Member Gil Hernandez                     | P                | P                 | P                |
| Council Member Dan Suckley                       | P                |                   | Z                |
| Mr. Michael Rodriguez                            |                  |                   | Z                |
| Mr. Peter Collins                                | P                |                   | P                |
| Mr. Esteban Ramos                                | P                | P                 |                  |
| Dr. Neiman Young                                 | P                |                   | Z                |
| Ryan Skrobarczyk                                 | P                | P                 | P                |
| Alternates: Mr. Sony Peronel                     | P                |                   |                  |
| Mr. Gabriel Hinojosa                             |                  |                   |                  |
| Past Member: Ms. Wendy Herman                    |                  |                   | Z                |
| <b>City of Driscoll</b>                          |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Mark Gonzalez                              |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Port Aransas</b>                      |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Wendy Moore                                |                  |                   | P                |
| <b>City of Robstown</b>                          |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Gilbert Gomez                              |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternate: Ms. Beatriz Charo                     |                  |                   | P                |
| <b>Refugio County (1 vote)</b>                   |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge Jhiela "Gigi" Poynter                      | P                | P                 | Z                |
| <b>Town of Bayside</b>                           |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Sharon Scott                               |                  | P                 | Z                |
| Alternate: David Vega                            |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Town of Refugio</b>                           |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Wanda Dukes                                | P                | P                 | Z                |
| Alternate: Leonard Anzaldua                      | P                |                   |                  |
| <b>Town of Woodsboro</b>                         |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Kay Roach                                  |                  |                   |                  |

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| <b>San Patricio County (4 votes)</b>             |                  |                   |                  |
| Judge David Krebs                                | P                |                   | P                |
| Commissioner Sonia Lopez                         |                  |                   |                  |
| Commissioner Howard Gillespie                    | P                |                   |                  |
| Vacant   |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternates: Ms. Melanie Cooper                   |                  | P                 |                  |
| Ms. Lilly Wilkinson                              |                  | P                 |                  |
| Mr. Gary Davis                                   |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Aransas Pass</b>                      |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Gary Edwards                                 | P                | P                 | Z                |
| <b>City of Gregory</b>                           |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Jeronimo B. Garcia                         | P                |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Ingleside</b>                         |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Pedro Oscar Adame                          |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternate: Mr. John Salinas                      |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Ingleside on the Bay</b>              |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor JoAnn Ehmann                               | P                | P                 | P                |
| Alternate: Councilman Tom Daley                  | P                |                   | P                |
| <b>City of Lake City</b>                         |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Shannan Smith                              | P                |                   |                  |
| Alternate: Mr. Kenneth Priddy                    |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Mathis</b>                            |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Ciri Villarreal                            | P                |                   |                  |
| Alternate: City Manager Michael Barrera          | P                |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Odem</b>                              |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor David Maldonado                            |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternate: Mr. Gerardo Ochoa                     |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Portland</b>                          |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Cathy Skurow                               | P                | P                 |                  |
| Alternate: Bill Wilson                           |                  |                   |                  |



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| <b>City of Sinton</b>   |                  |                   |                  |
| Mayor Edward Adams  |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternate: John Hobson  |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>City of Taft</b>   |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Sid Arismendez  |                  |                   |                  |
| Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Rodriguez                               |                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Associate Member-Representatives</b>                                 |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Kent Britton                      Port of Corpus Christi Authority  |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Joe Morales,                      South Texas Water Authority       |                  |                   |                  |
| Ms. Rebecca Klaevermann,      San Patricio Municipal Water Dist.        |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Balde Torres III,                Nueces County Drainage Dist. No. 2 |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. John Hererro,                    Nueces County WCID No. 3           |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Robert MacDonald,            Corpus Christi MPO                     | P                | E                 | Z                |
| <b>Past Chairman</b>  |                  |                   |                  |
| Mr. Patrick Rios, Aransas County  | P                | P                 | P                |