

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — May 28, 2026

Transportation Council Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The presiding officer, President Johnson, was present at the physical location, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, which was open to the public during all open portions of the meeting.

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:01 pm on May 28, 2026. Todd Little took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Victoria Johnson | 9. Bowie Hogg |
| 2. Jennifer Justice | 10. Rick Horne |
| 3. Brandon J. Huckabee | 11. Gary Hulse |
| 4. Chris Hill | 12. Clay Jenkins |
| 5. Christopher Boedeker | 13. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 6. David Bristol (V) | 14. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 7. Carlos Flores | 15. Tim O'Hare |
| 8. T.J. Gilmore | 16. Darrell Hale (Appointed to fill vacancy during Item 2) |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Mitch Little

Members of the Staff Present:

Todd Little, Monte Mercer, Susan Alvarez, Tim Barbee, Michael Morris, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Randy Richardson, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Shala Geer-Smith, Caroline Vandergriff, Emily Beckham, Dan Lemers, Donald Parker, Megan Short, Marcie Bruner, Dan Kessler, Sarah Jackson, Donna Coggeshall, Amanda Wilson, April Leger, Emily Dryden, Caralyn Dawson, Thomas Jackson, Dawn Dalrymple, Kelly Schmidt, Rebekah Gongora

Visitors Present:

Trey Kneegs, Chief Electrical Inspector/Dallas; Dan Lepinski, P.E. | Electrical Advisory Board; Glen Whitley; Chris A. Valticora, Building Official | City of Mansfield; Rick Bailey, Chair RTC; James Hathorn, Chief Electrical | City of Irving

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Johnson opened the meeting for public comment and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak. Glen Whitley and Rick Bailey offered public comments on items related to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items 1 - 13 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

- Item 1 **Approval of Minutes**
April 23, 2026; April 28, 2026; and May 13, 2026
- Item 2 **Resolution Appointing Executive Board Member for the Collin County Vacant Seat**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Mitchell for Individual Consideration.
- Item 3 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract for External Legal Counsel for Commercial Real Estate Services**
- Item 4 **Resolution Authorizing TXShare Contract Extensions for Temporary Staffing Services**
- Item 5 **Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Alliance for Innovation for Cooperative Purchasing Reciprocity**
- Item 6 **Resolution Authorizing TXShare Contracts for Learning Management Systems (LMS)**
- Item 7 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract for FIFA World Cup After Action Reports**
- Item 8 **Resolution Authorizing a Personal Services Agreement for Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Project**
- Item 9 **Resolution Endorsing the 2026 National Electric Code and Regional Code**
- Item 10 **Resolution Authorizing Agreements for the Receipt of Funds for Planning and Implementation Programs from the Texas Department of Transportation**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Judge Huckabee.
- Item 11 **Resolution Authorizing Contract with Cityzen Solutions, Inc. d/b/a PublicInput.com to Provide Web-based Public Engagement Software**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Judge Huckabee.
- Item 12 **Resolution Authorizing Contracts for the Roadway and Transit Model Development for Dallas-Fort Worth**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Judge Huckabee.
- Item 13 **Appointment of Officers for the Surface Transportation Technical Committee for the 2026-2027 Term**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Judge Huckabee.

Upon a motion by Judge O'Hare, (seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn), the Board approved Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Item 2 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Mitchell for individual consideration. A motion to approve was made by Judge Hill, (seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn). The motion passed.

Consent Agenda Items 10 through 13 were addressed separately following a motion by Judge Boedeker (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell). These items were removed from the Consent Agenda by Judge Huckabee for the purpose of abstaining from the vote. The motion passed unanimously among the remaining members present.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Item 14 Resolution Authorizing Agreements Related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup Grant Program (FWCGP)

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board authorization for NCTCOG to contract with Cowboys Stadium, LP and C3 Presents, LLC to provide safety and security enhancements on behalf of the North Texas FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee (NTXFWCOC). These contracts, totaling an estimated \$11,575,518, are included in the FIFA World Cup Task Force budget submitted for approval, with payments limited to eligible expenses under the FIFA World Cup Grant Program (FWCGP). The Cowboys Stadium contract, estimated at \$5,406,618, will support increased public safety staffing, while the C3 Presents contract, estimated at \$6,168,900, will cover security and infrastructure needs for the 34-day FIFA Fan Festival™ Dallas at Fair Park. NCTCOG will ensure all expenditures comply with federal grant requirements and do not exceed the total award of \$51,584,327. The grant, administered through FEMA, is 100% federally funded with no local match requirement.

Exhibit: 2026-05-14-EP

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 15 Resolution Endorsing Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All Program - Implementation Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board endorsement for the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) submission of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant application. The U.S. Department of Transportation announced approximately \$994 million in available funding for this program to support projects that reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. NCTCOG submitted an application requesting \$8 million to fund the Modernizing Regional Safety Through Digital Infrastructure Project, with a total project cost of \$10 million and a \$2 million non-federal match provided through Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds. The Regional Transportation Council approved the application on May 14, 2026.

Exhibit: 2026-05-15-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Justice (seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flores), and unanimous vote of all members present, with Judge Huckabee abstaining, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 16 Resolution Authorizing Contract with WSP USA Inc. to Provide Services Supporting the McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board approval of a consultant contract with WSP USA, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to carry out the McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study. Board members engaged in discussion and posed a legal question to be addressed during the Executive Session.

This item was taken up again after the Executive session. Judge O'Hare made a motion to request the Regional Transportation Council to clarify local government support by governing body resolution for the McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn. Judge Huckabee, Judge Hill, Judge Jenkins, and Commissioner Hale abstained. The motion passed with Councilmember Justice voting no.

Item 17 Discussion and Possible Action to Confirm the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Intent to Remain the Fiscal Agent for Metropolitan Planning Organization Functions in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region

This item was considered after the Executive Session. Judge Boedecker made a motion to authorize President Johnson to sign a letter to Regional Transportation Council Chair Bailey regarding NCTCOG's intent to remain the Fiscal Agent for the Metropolitan Planning Organization functions in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. The motion was seconded by Judge Jenkins. Judge Huckabee abstained. The motion passed.

- Item 18 Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize President Johnson to Appoint a Subset of the Executive Board to Initiate Discussions with Regional Transportation Council Officers on the MPO Planning Agreement**

No action taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Item 19 Status Report - Presentation of 2026 Current Population Estimates**

Sarah Jackson, Program Coordinator Demo & Geo Analytics, presented the 2026 Current Population Estimates for the North Central Texas region. The report included estimated population totals for all cities over 1,000 in population, and for each of the 16 counties. Revised estimates for 2025 were also provided as part of the presentation showing a regional growth of 203,786. NCTCOG's population estimates are often cited and are recognized for their coverage, timeliness, and uniqueness.

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

- Item 20 Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Little presented his director's report providing an update on the Strategic Visioning Plan.

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Item 21 Attendance and Calendar**

The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance. Mr. Little reminded the Board that the June 25th meeting would take place at 10:00 am due to the FIFA match.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Johnson called the Executive Session to order at 2:09 pm, pursuant to the following sections of the Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code):

- Section 551.071 to consult with its attorney to seek advice on pending litigation, or a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551: *County of Denton, Texas v. Victoria Johnson, In Her Official Capacity, et. al.*
- Section 551.071 to consult with its attorney to seek advice on pending litigation, or a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551: MPO Agreement and fiscal agent status
- Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Annual Performance Review of Executive Director

No action was taken in Executive Session.

President Johnson adjourned the Executive Session at 8:04 pm.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

President Johnson reconvened the regular session at 8:07 pm.

Item 22 Possible Action Resulting from Executive Session

Items 16, 17, and 18 were taken up after executive session. The actions on those items are reflected above. No action was taken on the matter of Denton County, Texas v. Victoria Johnson, et. al,

On the annual performance review of the Executive Director, three motions were made.

First, Councilmember Mendelsohn, seconded by Commissioner Hale, made a motion to authorize a 3% merit raise for Todd Little, Executive Director consistent with the NCTCOG FY 2026 merit pool of 3%. The motion passed.

Second, Councilmember Mendelsohn, seconded by Judge Huckabee, made a motion to authorize the offer of an employment contract with Todd Little, Executive Director, and if accepted, authorize the President to execute such contract in substantial conformity with the following terms:

1. Term of one year, through May 27, 2027;
2. Annual salary of \$257,500;
3. Severance provision of 20 weeks of annual salary in the event of termination prior to the end of the term;
4. Severance is prohibited if employee is terminated for misconduct;
5. Employee agrees to continue employment with NCTCOG through the term;
6. Employee agrees to assist in any transition, if requested by the Board, in the event of termination; and
7. Employee agrees to release any claims now or in the future against NCTCOG, its officers and/or directors arising from this employment with NCTCOG.

This motion passed.

Third, Judge O'Hare made a motion, seconded by Judge Hill, that such employment contract if accepted be executed by June 5, 2026. The motion passed.

The executed agreement is available at <https://www.nctcog.org/executive-director>, in compliance with Texas Government Code §180.011.

Related to the MPO agreement, Judge Jenkins made a motion to authorize the President to sign the draft MPO agreement included in the materials for Item 18, seconded by Mayor Gilmore. Judge Huckabee and Mayor Pro Tem Flores abstained. This motion failed.

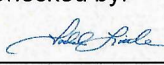
President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Approved by:



Victoria Johnson, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

Checked by:



Todd Little, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments