



**HEART OF TEXAS
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
& LUNCHEON**

**January 25, 2024
12:00 noon**

**Waco Hilton Hotel
113 South University Parks Drive
Waco, Texas**



**Speaker
The Honorable Josh Tetens
McLennan County
District Attorney**

Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President



Judge Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

Heart of Texas *Council of Governments*

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Council Representatives Annual Business Meeting of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments will be held on **Thursday, the 25th Day of January, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the Waco Hilton Hotel, Three Rivers Ballroom, 113 South University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas**, at which time the following subjects will be considered:

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum
- II. Proof of Posting of Notice in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act
- III. Consideration of, and/or Action of the following:
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the August 24, 2023 Council Representatives Semi-Annual Business Meeting
 - B. New Business
 1. Election and Installation of the HOTCOG Officers and Executive Committee Members 2024
- IV. Executive Director's Report
- V. Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Speaker: The Honorable Josh Tetens, McLennan County District Attorney
- VI. Closing Remarks by the President
- VII. Adjournment

Signed this the 18th Day of January, 2024.



Russell Devorsky, Executive Director



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President

Judge Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
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MINUTES OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING August 24, 2023

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments Council Representatives held their Semi-Annual Business Meeting on **Thursday**, the 24th Day of August, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Red Men Hall, 4521 Speight Avenue, Waco, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Jay Elliott, President
Mayor Geary Smith, Vice-President
Councilmember Jim Holmes
Judge Linda Grant
Judge Justin Lewis
Judge Scott Felton
Judge Cindy Vanlandingham
Commissioner Jim Smith
Treasurer Jeannie Keeney
Commissioner Nita Wuebker
Mr. Calvin Reuter
Councilmember Jimmy Rogers
Mayor Steve Fortenberry
Mr. James Skeeler
Councilmember David Russell
Councilmember Darius Ewing
Mayor Mike Schmidt
Mayor Chance Bradbury
Mayor Jimmy Tucker
Ms. Stephanie Adams
Mayor Protem Warren Anglin

Falls County
City of Mexia
City of Waco
Freestone County
Hill County
McLennan County
Bosque County
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Freestone County
Falls County
Special Districts
City of Robinson
City of Hewitt
Bosqueville ISD
City of Woodway
City of Waco
City of Clifton
City of Gholson
City of Mount Calm
Hill College
City of Groesbeck

- I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum
President Jay Elliott, Falls County Judge, called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present.

- II. Proof of Posting of Notice in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act. Proof of posting of notice of the meeting was furnished by Mary McDow.
- III. Consideration of and/or action on the following:
 - A. Approval of the January 26, 2023 Council Representatives Annual Business Meeting Minutes

President Jay Elliott asked if there were any corrections or additions to the January 26, 2023 Annual Business meeting minutes. With none identified, a motion was made by Hill County Judge Justin Lewis and seconded by Freestone County Treasurer Jeannie Keeney to approve the January 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

- B. New Business

- 1. Approval of HOTCOG Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget

President Jay Elliott presented the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 HOTCOG Budget and noted that the Executive Committee had reviewed the Budget at their meeting with recommendation for approval to the Council Representatives.

A motion was made by City of Mexia Mayor Geary Smith and seconded by Hill County Judge Justin Lewis to approve the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget as presented. Motion passed.

- IV. Executive Directors Report
Mr. Russell Devorsky gave a report on the activities of the Council of Governments. Two staff awards were given: Bridget Barrera for fifteen years of service and Falen Bohannon for 10 years of service.
- V. Introduction of Guest Speaker: Mr. Devorsky introduced the keynote speaker for the event: Mr. Jorge Ayala, Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.
- VI. Closing Remarks by the President – President Jay Elliott presented an appreciation award to the guest speaker, Mr. Jorge Ayala. Mayor Protem Jim Holmes presented an appreciation award to Representative Doc Anderson. Judge Justin Lewis presented an award to Representative Angelia Orr for freshman of the year. President Jay Elliott thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- VII. Adjournment. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Judge Jay Elliott, President
Falls County Judge

Judge Richard Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer
Limestone County Judge

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Council Representatives
Annual Business Meeting
January 25, 2024**

To: HOTCOG Council Representatives
From: Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee
Subject: Election of 2024 Officers and Executive Committee Members

Information:

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee will present to the Council Representatives the recommendations for the Executive Committee Officers and members for 2024. The recommended Executive Committee Officers and members will be presented at the meeting.

Recommended Council Action:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Council Representatives consider and approve the recommendations for Executive Committee Officers and members as presented for 2024.