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TO: HOTCOG Board Representatives

**FROM: Russell Devorsky
Executive Director**

The HOTCOG Semi-Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon is Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 12:00 noon at the Red Men Hall, 4521 Speight Avenue, Waco, Texas.

Our Guest Speaker is Mr. Jorge D. Ayala, Regional Director, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

We hope you will be able to join us!

If you have not made your reservation, please give Mary McDow a call at (254) 292-1830 or email: mary.mcdow@hot.cog.tx.us

Thank you.



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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN**

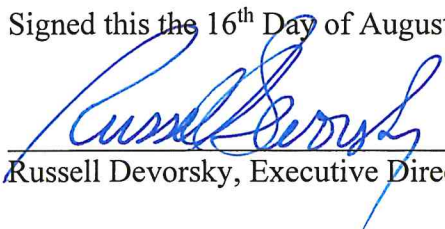
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Council Representatives Semi-Annual Business Meeting of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments will be held on **Thursday, the 24th Day of August, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Red Men Hall, 4521 Speight Avenue, 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 January 26, 2023 Council Representatives Annual Business Meeting
 - B. New Business
 1. Approval of HOTCOG Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget
- IV. Executive Director's Report
- V. Introduction of Guest Speaker: Mr. Jorge D. Ayala
- V. Closing Remarks by the President
- VI. Adjournment

Signed this the 16th Day of August, 2023.



Russell Devorsky, Executive Director



Councilmember Jim Holmes
President

Judge Jay Elliott
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HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL MEETING January 26, 2023

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments Council Representatives held their Annual Business Meeting on **Thursday**, the 26th day of January, 2023 at 12:00 noon at the Waco Hilton Hotel, 113 South University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Jim Holmes, *President*
Judge Jay Elliott, *Vice-President*
Mayor Geary Smith, *Secretary-Treasurer*
Judge Richard Duncan
Judge Scott Felton
Judge Linda Grant
County Treasurer Jeannie Keeney
Commissioner Jim Smith
Judge Cindy Vanlandingham
Councilmember Jimmy Rogers
Commissioner Nita Wuebker
Calvin Rueter
Mayor Andy Smith
Councilmember David Russell
Kerry Schindler
Calvin Hodde
Mayor Steve Fortenberry
Dr. Jim Rosebrock
Mayor Ray O'Docharty
Mr. James Skeeler
Mayor Pellie Goolsby
Councilmember Jerry Barker
Mr. Andrew Miller

City of Waco
Falls County
City of Mexia
Limestone County
McLennan County
Freestone County
Freestone County
McLennan County
Bosque County
City of Robinson
Falls County
Special Districts
City of Hillsboro
City of Woodway
Hill College
City of Lacy-Lakeview
City of Hewitt
Rosebud-Lott ISD
City of Groesbeck
Bosqueville ISD
City of Wortham
City of Whitney
Moody ISD

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum
President Jim Holmes 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 August 25, 2022 Council Representatives Semi-Annual Business Meeting Minutes

President Jim Holmes asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 25, 2022 Semi-Annual Business meeting minutes. With none identified, a motion was made by Falls County Judge Jay Elliott and seconded by City of Mexia Mayor Geary Smith to approve the August 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

B. Election of the 2023 HOTCOG Officers and Executive Committee Members

President Jim Holmes presented to the Council Representatives the following recommendations for HOTCOG Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2023.

<u>President:</u>	Judge Jay Elliott, Falls County Judge
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Mayor Geary Smith, City of Mexia
<u>Secretary-Treasurer:</u>	Judge Richard Duncan, Limestone County Judge
Justin Lewis	Judge, Hill County
Andrew Smith	Mayor, City of Hillsboro
Linda Grant	Judge, Freestone County
Jeannie Keeney	Co.Treasurer, Freestone County
Cindy Vanlandingham	Judge, Bosque County
Josh Thayer	Mayor, City of Valley Mills
Scott Felton	Judge, McLennan County
Jimmy Rogers	Councilmember, City of Robinson
Jim Smith	Commissioner, McLennan County
Nita Wuebker	Commissioner, Falls County
Jim Holmes	Councilmember, City of Waco
Andrea Barefield	Councilmember, City of Waco
Alice Rodriguez	Councilmember, City of Waco
Calvin Rueter	Special Districts

A motion was made by Freestone County Treasurer Jeannie Keeney and seconded by Falls County Commissioner Nita Wuebker to appoint the recommended

individuals as HOTCOG Officers and Executive Committee members for 2023.
Motion was passed.

C. Installation of the Officers and Executive Committee Members

Honorable Matthew Wright, Judge, City of Rosebud, administered the Oath of Office to the 2023 Officers and Executive Committee members.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Russell Devorsky, HOTCOG Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. Mr. Devorsky noted the HOTCOG 2022 Annual Report was provided which highlights HOTCOG programs including the Administration Division, the Health and Human Services Division and the Regional Services Division.

Mr. Devorsky presented years of service awards to HOTCOG employees.

*5 year award: Destiny Zavala

*10 year awards: Tiffany Soto, Belinda Arocha and Frances Ramirez

*15 year awards: Harold Ferguson and Jan Enders.

Mr. Devorsky also recognized Mr. Gary Luft, Health and Human Services Director who is retiring from HOTCOG on January 31, 2023. Mr. Luft's is retiring after 17 years with HOTCOG.

V. Introduction of Speaker

Mr. Russell Devorsky introduced the speaker for the meeting, the Honorable Angelia Orr, Texas State Representative, District 13.

VI. Closing Remarks

Mr. Russell Devorsky presented a gavel plaque to outgoing President Jim Holmes for his service to HOTCOG and serving as President in 2022. Councilmember Jim Holmes expressed his appreciation for serving as President this past year and thanked everyone on behalf of the Council Representatives for attending.

VII. Adjournment. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County

Richard Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer
County Judge, Limestone County

**Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Council Representatives
Semi-Annual Business Meeting
August 24, 2023**

ACTION MEMORANDUM

To: HOTCOG Council Representatives
From: Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee
Subject: Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Information:

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee will present to the Council Representatives the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

Recommended Council Action:

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments Council Representatives consider the approval of the FY2023-2024 Budget as presented.