
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM _____

DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JODY WEAVER, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE GCRPC REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (REDAC)

BACKGROUND:

At the recent Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) Annual Board meeting, we became aware of the opportunity to appoint someone to represent the City of Port Lavaca on the GCRPC Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC).

Attached is a list of the current members on this committee. As you can see, Jonas Titas of the VEDC is on the committee as the County's representative. Other representatives from the region include Economic Development Corporation Presidents, Mayors, City Managers, etc. There is a slot available specifically to represent the City of Port Lavaca.

The committee is required to meet at least twice annually, or as required to conduct necessary business. There is also a required annual meeting every September. Michael Ada, Executive Director of the GCRPC tells me that any member of the committee should expect to meet at least 4 times within a fiscal year.

I feel it is important that the City of Port Lavaca is specifically represented, in addition to Jonas Titus representing the County. If no one on Council would like to volunteer for this appointment, I would be willing.

Jody

Attachments:

- Current roster of the 2027 REDAC members
- REDAC Bylaws

FY 2027 Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) Members

Seat Description (Article III, Section 1.)	NAME	Term Start	Term End
Regional Principal Economic Interests - Golden Crescent Workforce Development Board	Henry Guajardo	9/1/2026	8/31/2028
Regional Principal Economic Interests - Victoria College	Dr. Jennifer Kent <i>[Pending]</i>	9/1/2026	8/31/2028
Regional Principal Economic Interests - Texas A&M Victoria	Dr. Christian E. Hardigree <i>[Pending]</i>	9/1/2026	8/31/2028
Private Sector - Amherst	Jennifer Rayburn <i>[Pending]</i>	9/1/2026	8/31/2028
Private Sector - Dow, Formosa, DETAR	<i>[Pending]</i>		
Counties - Calhoun	Jonas Titas	9/1/2026	8/31/2028
Counties - De Witt	Daryl Fowler	9/1/2025	8/31/2027
Counties - Jackson	Jill Sklar		
Counties - Lavaca	Keith Mudd		
Counties - Victoria	Raquel Garza	9/1/2026	8/31/2027
Counties - Gonzales			
Counties - Goliad			
Cities - City of Cuero	Maggie Cromeens	9/1/2025	8/31/2027
Cities - City of Yoakum	Genora Young	9/1/2025	8/31/2027
Cities - City of Edna	Gary Broz	9/1/2025	8/31/2027
Cities - City of Victoria	Russell Dempsey	9/1/2025	8/31/2027
Cities - City of Hallettsville	Chelsea Steffek	9/1/2025	8/31/2027
Cities - City of Ganado	Clinton Tegeler	9/1/2026	8/31/2028
Cities - Goliad	Robin Alaniz	9/1/2025	8/31/2027
Cities - Seadrift			
Cities - Nordheim			
Cities - Yorktown			
Cities - Port Lavaca			
Cities - Gonzales			
Cities - Nixon			
Cities - Smiley			
Cities - Waelder			
Cities - Point Comfort			
Cities - La Ward			
Cities - Moulton			
Cities - Shiner			

Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) Bylaws
As Amended and Approved on May 13, 2026.

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ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. Formation. This committee was established and authorized as a standing committee of the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) by the Board of Directors on April 27th, 1987.

1.1. This committee is named, and shall hereafter be referred to as, the “Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee” or “REDAC”.

SECTION 2. Organization. The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) is a voluntary association of local governments and special districts organized under Chapter 391 of Texas Local Government Code, recognized as a political subdivision of Texas and the Governor’s state planning region XVII. The Economic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce designated GCRPC an Economic Development District (GCRPC-EDD) under section 403 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, in 1996. The GCRPC General assembly is the policy body of the association. The GCRPC Board of Directors is the governing body of the association. The REDAC is a standing committee of the GCRPC Board of Directors.

- 2.1.** On May 15, 2025, the Executive Committee of the GCRPC Board of Directors authorized the REDAC to serve as the Governing Body of the GCRPC-EDD.
- 2.2.** All powers of the GCRPC-EDD, hereinafter referred to as the District, may be exercised by the REDAC as authorized and outlined in these bylaws. The REDAC may not exercise powers reserved to the GCRPC General Assembly or GCRPC Board of Directors. The GCRPC Board of Directors always retains the right to rescind or amend the REDAC's authority, the right to overrule REDAC actions, and the right to discharge the committee.

SECTION 3. Geographic Scope. The District's boundaries shall coincide with the boundaries of Texas' State Planning Region 17, which consists of the following Texas counties: Calhoun DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria.

SECTION 4. Continuity of Governance. Under any circumstances where the REDAC is unable to fulfill its role or responsibilities, the GCRPC Board of Directors, or its Executive Committee, may serve and act as the governing body of the District after due notice has been communicated to all REDAC members and posted and published as required by law.

ARTICLE II. POLICY, PURPOSE, & DUTIES

SECTION 1. The declared policy of this committee is to actively support and assist the District's regional economic development program which aims to help create and sustain jobs; leverage existing regional assets; encourage innovation and entrepreneurship; and position the Golden Crescent region for economic growth and sustainability.

SECTION 2. This committee's purpose & duties are as follows:

- a.** Serve as the governing body of the GCRPC-EDD and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Strategy Committee.
- b.** Oversee the District's CEDS planning process.
- c.** Develop, maintain, implement, and update the District's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- d.** Ensure the District's CEDS is realistic and responsive to the needs of the entire Golden Crescent region.
- e.** Ensure updates and revisions to the CEDS occur at least every five years.

- f.** Lead the District in the coordination and implementation of economic development activities identified in the CEDS.
- g.** Maintain adequate support staff to perform its purpose and fulfill its responsibilities.
- h.** Report to the Board regarding the economic development efforts of local governments, local economic development organizations, non-profits, anchor institutions, and private industries.
- i.** Lead the coordination of public, private, and non-profit resources of the Golden Crescent for the promotion of regional economic development, resilience, and sustainability.
- j.** Lead the coordination of local economic development planning with public transportation planning, preparedness planning, recovery & resilience planning, community development programs, job training programs, and other programs/activities that may stimulate regional economic growth.
- k.** Promote economic growth throughout the District.
- l.** Provide a neutral forum for discussion and debate by professionals and private citizens on regional economic development issues.
- m.** Propose an annual budget and dues schedule to the Board of Directors for all annually assigned programs.
- n.** Perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe from time to time.

ARTICLE III. REDAC MEMBERSHIP

Per 13 CFR 304.2, membership must be broadly representative of the principal economic interests of the region, which may include the private sector, public officials, community leaders, representatives of workforce development boards, institutions of higher education, minority and labor groups, and private individuals.

SECTION 1. Composition. This committee shall consist of no less than twelve (12) or more than thirty-two (32) representatives, as fixed from time to time by resolution of the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's (GCRPC) Board of Directors.

- 1.1.** Local Governments. At least a simple majority of the REDAC shall be elected officials and/or employees of general-purpose units of local government appointed to represent such governments.
- 1.2.** At a minimum, each county shall have one (1) general member seat for a total of seven (7) county representatives.

- 1.3.** Each city may have one (1) general member seat for a total of nineteen (19) city representatives.
- 1.4.** Private Sector Members. Two (2) general member seats shall be held by private sector representatives who are neither an elected official of a general-purpose unit of local government nor an employee of such government appointed to represent that government.
- 1.5.** Regional Principal Economic Interests. Three (3) general member seats shall be held by individuals representing the following principal economic interest groups: workforce development and post-secondary education.

SECTION 2. Qualifications. Members must be residents of the Golden Crescent region also referred to as State Planning Region 17 or the District.

- 2.1.** All members should be subject matter experts, have a general interest in the purpose of the committee, and be empowered to represent the interests of their respective jurisdictions, organizations, sectors, or industries.

SECTION 3. Nominations. Requests for nominations shall be distributed annually by May 31st.

- 3.1. Nominators.** REDAC members shall be nominated as described in 3.2. through 3.5. of this section.
- 3.2. Counties (7 Seats).** Each GCRPC member County government may nominate one representative. Total REDAC membership representing County government will not exceed seven (7).
- 3.3. Cities (18 Seats).** Each GCRPC member City government may nominate one representative. Total REDAC membership representing City government will not exceed eighteen (18).
- 3.4. Private Sector (2 Seats).** Two (2) Private Sector representatives will be nominated by current REDAC membership.
- 3.5. Regional Principal Economic Interests (3 Seats).** Three (3) Regional Principal Economic Interests representatives will be nominated by current REDAC membership.

3.6 Approval and Appointment. Nominations received shall be used to generate a list of nominees presented for review and approval by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the General Assembly.

3.7. Appointment. Thereafter, the list of approved nominees shall be presented to the GCRPC General Assembly for appointment at its annual meeting.

SECTION 4. Term. Once appointed, committee members serve a two-year, staggered term, beginning September 1st, and ending August 31st, of the second fiscal -year thereafter.

4.1. Initial Year. On September 1, 2025, members for at least three (3) counties and one-half of represented cities, shall volunteer to serve one-year terms to initiate staggered two-year membership terms for counties and cities.

4.2. Any appointments made after September 1st will serve the duration of the current and subsequent year thereafter.

SECTION 5. Rights and Responsibilities.

5.1. Rights. Members are entitled to full participation in the proceedings of the committee as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the committee. All members have the right to place items on a regular meeting agenda by contacting REDAC support Staff at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date or by requesting the topic during a REDAC meeting for a subsequent agenda.

5.2. Attendance. Members shall attend no less than two (2) meetings a year, or four (4) meetings within their term.

5.3. Function. Members shall assist the GCRPC-EDD by fulfilling the purpose of this committee as stated in Article II, Section 2 of these bylaws.

5.4. Absences. Voting members absent, without notice or valid excuse, from three (3) consecutive meetings may be removed as agreed upon by a majority vote of the committee. The member and nominating agency will be notified, in writing, after being absent from two (2) consecutive meetings, that his/her membership is in jeopardy. Any member so removed may, within ten days of

the committee's majority vote to remove, appeal such action by submitting written appeal to the committee Chairperson.

- 5.6. Resignations.** Any member desiring to resign from the committee shall submit their resignation in writing to the Secretary, who shall present it to the committee for action. Acceptance of the resignation, as agreed upon by a majority vote of the committee, shall then be reported to the Board of Directors for final acceptance and initiation of the nomination process to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 6. Vacancies. All vacancies shall be addressed on a rolling basis. In the absence of a nomination from the respective seat's nominator, the committee may nominate a replacement. The committee shall notify a nominator of the proposed replacement, and a nominator will have fifteen (15) business days to confirm or name a nominee for approval and appointment by the GCRPC Board of Directors at its next scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IV. REDAC OFFICERS & STAFF SUPPORT

SECTION 1. Officer's Duties. The officers of the REDAC shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson(s), and Secretary/Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the REDAC.

- 1.1.** The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the REDAC at which they are present. The Chair shall see that all orders and resolutions of the GCRPC Board are carried to effect.
- 1.2.** The Vice-Chair(s) shall, during the absence of the Chair, or in the case of the Chair's inability to act, be vested with powers and shall perform the duties of the Chair. The Vice-Chair(s) shall also perform such other duties and exercise such other powers, as may from time to time be imposed upon or vested in him/her by resolution of the GCRPC Board.
- 1.3.** The Secretary/Treasurer shall assure that official records of the REDAC shall be maintained and give notice of all meetings as required by these bylaws. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting to the GCRPC Board the financial affairs of the District. The Secretary/Treasurer

shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the GCRPC Board.

SECTION 2. Officer Elections, Terms, and Appointment. This committee shall elect officers from the official membership roll each year following the annual adoption of the committee membership roll by the GCRPC General Assembly.

2.1. Officer Term. There is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve as an officer. However, he/she must be committee member and elected annually as described.

SECTION 3. Officer Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the position of any officer, the committee will elect a replacement not later than the next regular meeting following notification that such vacancy exists.

SECTION 4. Officer Removal. Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided by the parliamentary authority adopted by the REDAC.

4.1. Officer Resignations. Members may resign from office as outlined in Article III, Section 5.5., of these Bylaws.

4.2. Officer Vacancies. The committee may elect a replacement for any office vacancy at its next regular meeting following notice of the resignation or vacancy.

SECTION 5. District Support Staff. Staff support for the District shall be furnished by professional staff from the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC).

5.1. Support Staff Qualifications. GCRPC support staff shall be qualified persons in economic development, planning, business development, finance, auditing, and administrative matters.

5.2. Support Staff Duties. GCRPC support staff shall act as Secretary/Treasurer; attend all meetings, assure official records are maintained, give notice of all meetings, and other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the REDAC.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Regular Meetings. All regular meetings of the REDAC shall be open to the public. The REDAC shall meet at least twice annually, or as required, to conduct necessary business at a time, date, and place coordinated by the Chairperson and agreed upon by the committee. The Chair shall call the meeting and/or workshop and shall designate in the written notice of the meeting and/or workshop the business to be transacted or considered. Support staff to the REDAC develops the meeting agenda.

- 1.1. Annual Meeting.** The regular meeting held in September shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, annual workplan review, and for any other business that may arise.
- 1.2. Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors, the Chairperson, or at the written request of at least twenty percent (20%) of the committee membership.
- 1.3. Electronic Meetings.** Committee meetings may be held through the use of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment such as email, instant messaging, instantaneous audio-visual communication devices, or similar instantaneous means, so long as, members participating in such meeting can communicate with one another at the time of such meeting. Participation in such a meeting constitutes in-person presence at such meeting. Each person participating in the meeting sign the minutes thereof, which may be in counterparts. Approval of such meeting may be accomplished via email or fax.

SECTION 2. Meeting Notice. An agenda and date of all such meetings shall be transmitted to the members and published in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The REDAC shall publish the date and agenda of such meetings sufficiently in advance (no later than three (3) business days prior to the meeting) to allow the public a reasonable time to prepare in order to participate effectively. Agenda information will be clear and accessible to ensure the public can understand proposed actions, available options, and potential impacts.

SECTION 3. Quorum. For all matters except the amendment of these bylaws, a quorum will consist of at least 50 percent (50%) of the total appointed membership.

SECTION 4. Minutes. Minutes of the meetings shall be kept and shall be submitted to the members of the REDAC for approval. Minutes of the public meetings shall be made available to the public as may be reasonably requested.

SECTION 5. Financials. District financials shall be kept and shall be submitted to the members of the REDAC for approval. District financials shall be made available to the public as may be reasonably requested.

ARTICLE VI. SUBCOMMITTEES

Subcommittees may be established by the committee as it shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on its work. The Chairperson shall be ex officio a member of all subcommittees.

ARTICLE VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The following conflict of interest policy and procedures shall apply to ensure 1) that all applicants for grant or other public funds from any source shall not receive preference during any review process, including prioritization of applications, and 2) that all applicants are afforded the same rights and privileges and are subject to a uniform and equitable process.

SECTION 1. Applicability. Vested interests requiring application of the conflict of interest policy and procedures include, but are not limited to instances where a committee member, or an individual related to the member within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity:

- 1.1. Is a grantee or a supplier/provider of goods and/or services to a grantee or contractor;
- 1.2. Is employed by the applicant agency and works for the unit or division that would administer the grant if awarded;
- 1.3. Serves on any board that oversees the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded;
- 1.4. Owns or controls any interest in a business entity or other non-governmental organization that benefits, directly or indirectly, from activities with the applicant;
- 1.5. Receives any funds from the applicant as a result of the grant; or

- 1.6.** Uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible goods, services, or funds from the applicant.

SECTION 2. Notice. A REDAC committee member having a vested interest in any grant application or fund request that comes before the committee shall, before deliberation of such matter, declare openly his/her vested interest.

SECTION 3. Abstain. A member with a vested interest on a particular matter or application must abstain from voting or commenting on such matter or application. If a member must abstain from reviewing, voting, commenting, or taking any action on any grant application, the member must also abstain from reviewing voting, commenting, or taking any action on any competing grant applications within that funding source during the review or prioritization process.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, any special rules of order the committee may adopt, the Bylaws of GCRPC, or applicable laws.

ARTICLE IX. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1. Adoption. These bylaws shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the committee, while in session, with at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Membership present, subject to final approval by the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Amendment. These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or changed at any regular meeting of the committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided notice containing the general effect and intent of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. Amendments to these bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Directors.

ADOPTED by the Golden Crescent Regional Tourism Advisory Committee on this 26th day of March, 1987.

BY:

s/Linda Hetsel

Linda Hetsel

Chair

APPROVED this 27th day of April, 1987

BY:

s/Welly M. Gibson

Welly M. Gibson

President

Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS AMENDED this 13th day of May, 2026.

BY:

X _____

Henry Guajardo

Chair

Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC)

APPROVED AS AMENDED this 27th day of May, 2026.

BY:

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Alice Jo Summers

Board President

Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

BY:

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Josephine Soliz

Board Secretary-Treasurer

Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission, Board of Directors