



Development District of Central Texas (DDCT)

Thursday, January 16, 2025

9:30 AM

Regular Meeting

2180 North Main Street

Belton, TX 76513

Appointment	Entity	Member	Attended	Alternate Member
County	Bell County	Commissioner Bobby Whitson	Y	
County	Coryell County	Vacant		
County	Hamilton County	Vacant		
County	Lampasas County	Vacant		
County	Milam County	Vacant		
County	Mills County	Vacant		
County	San Saba	Vacant		
CTCOG	CTCOG	Vacant		
CTCOG	CTCOG	Vacant		
Individual	City of Killeen	Michael Boyd	N	
Individual	City of Mullin	Dexter Morris	N	
Individual	City of San Saba	Scott Edmonson, Chair	Y	
Individual	Belton EDC	Cynthia Hernandez	N	
Individual	Bartlett Activities Center	Dean Roome	Y	
Individual	Cameron Industrial Foundation	Ginger Watkins	Y	
Individual	Hamilton EDC	Kayla Schraub, Vice Chair	Y	
Individual	Nolanville EDC	Brian O'Connor	N	
Individual	Rockdale MDD	Jim Gibson	N	
Individual	Bartlett ISD	Dr. Teddy Clevenger	Y	
Individual	Workforce Solutions Central Texas	Charley Ayres	Y	
Individual	Vacant	Vacant		
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Y= Attended Y/A= Alternate Attended N=Did not attend

*denotes online attendance

Meeting Minutes:

1. **Call to Order:** Dominic Elizondo called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

*Ginger Watkins presided over the meeting for the first half and then Dr. Clevenger took over.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** No comments received from the Public.
3. **Action Item:** Approve meeting minutes from the October 3, 2024, meeting.

Charley Ayres made a motion to approve October 3, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Dean Roome; the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of Scott Edmonson as a new board member.

Dean Roome made a motion to recommend approval of Scott Edmonson as the new board member, seconded by Kayla Schraub; the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding nomination and approval of new board officers.

Dominic Elizondo informed the group of Dr. Teddy Clevenger's interest in being the board chair. Kayla Schraub volunteered for the position of vice chair.

Dean Roome made a motion to recommend nomination and approval of Dr. Teddy Clevenger as board chair. Seconded by Charley Ayres; the motion passed unanimously.

Ginger Watkins made a motion to recommend nomination and approval of Kayla Schraub as vice chair. Seconded by Dean Roome; the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion Item and Action Item:** Regarding approval of proposed amendments to the DDCT Bylaws.

Dominic summarized changes to the Bylaws on membership clarification, term limits, quorum requirements, and proxy voting. The group was also informed of the final draft and all changes to the DDCT bylaws. Dominic also clarified that members could

identify a proxy in writing once and do not have to inform each time of the proxy in case of absence.

Dean Roome made a motion to approve proposed amendments to the DDCT Bylaws. Seconded by Charley Ayres; the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discussion Item and Action Item:** Regarding approval of FY 2025 Leadership Central Texas Program.

Dominic discussed the proposed changes for the application form, which included focusing on local leadership. The group expressed the need to increase circulation through different channels such as Facebook, in order to encourage increased participation in the program.

Ginger Watkins made a motion to approve proposed approval of FY 2025 Leadership Central Texas Program. Seconded by Charley Ayres; the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion Item and Action Item:** Regarding approval of FY 2025 Rural Internship Programs.

Dominic shared updates and changes made to the program such as increasing award amounts and proposed increase in total budget. Alternate options for funding were also discussed by the group. The floor opened for discussion and members shared a few ideas/possibilities. Charley discussed potentially reaching out to local ISD's to form a partnership and encouraging local students to participate in the internship program. The group stressed using incentives to encourage major buy-in from community partners. The group will discuss this further through workshops before the next DDCT meeting in April 2025.

Ginger Watkins made a motion to table proposed approval of FY 2025 Rural Internship Program. Seconded by Kayla Schraub; the motion passed unanimously.

9. **Discussion Item and Action Item:** Regarding approval of Discover Central Texas marketing expenditures.

Dominic walked the group through the development and maintenance of the DDCT website, member cities access to update/highlight information, related advertisement costs, and accounts reached. Options for utilizing the budget available for website maintenance/overhaul were also discussed including external consultants as well as internal CTCOG communications expertise.

Ginger Watkins made a motion to approve 5,000\$ for website audit for Discover Central Texas and Development Central Texas, Charley Ayres seconded it, the motion passed unanimously.

10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Implementation.

Dominic provided an update on the last objective from the CEDS implementation strategy and walked the group through the priority ranking, status update, emergency management toolkit and dissemination. Ginger communicated distributing to local and social media outlets and local governments, in conjunction with a one-page press release from the COG may help reiterate the message and urgency.

11. **Discussion Item:** Regarding updates on regional broadband initiatives.

Dominic provided an update on the broadband service growth, and coordination efforts in the region.

12. **Discussion Item:** Regarding legislative updates impacting economic development.

Dominic gave an overview of a few bills related to EDA in Texas.

13. **Staff Update:**

Dominic updated on circuit rider initiative, future meetings planned, collaboration amongst CTCOG region, potential EDA grant application, consolidation of all data on one website, safety improvement projects, grant updates, and economic overview for Q4 2024.

14. **Board of Directors Comments:** No Comments.

15. **Other Business:** Next meeting date Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

16. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

These meeting minutes were approved by DDCT at their meeting on July 10, 2025.


Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director