



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of May 5, 2026

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CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

The staff and the Executive Board of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG) have recommended a change to the organization's bylaws that will reduce the overall number of board members. The reduction will be achieved by allocating board members proportionally and capping each local government to 4 board members. This proposal will help the organization reach a manageable quorum threshold.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In recent years, the Coast Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG) has struggled to consistently meet quorums for business meetings because the board comprises 84 directors and associate members. Additionally, the bylaws had historically required a complicated formula of city versus county appointees to be present to achieve a quorum.

In December 2025, the CBCOG Board approved a change to the organization's bylaws that removed the complicated formula and simplified the quorum requirement to a simple majority of board members. In that same meeting, the CBCOG board of directors deferred a decision on lowering the total number of board members to allow for more time to review the proportionality of the proposed reduction. CBCOG Executive Director Emily Martinez intends to present a modified version of the bylaws proposal at the CBCOG's June board meeting.

On March 25, 2026, the Nueces County Commissioners' Court considered a reduction of board members in the CBCOG bylaws in executive session and subsequently voted to approve a reduction of CBCOG board seats for Nueces County from 17 seats to 4, contingent upon the

City of Corpus Christi receiving the same number of seats and the rest of the appointing entities being reduced proportionally.

Nueces County leadership has requested that the Corpus Christi City Council consider a motion to formally endorse this proposal.

The CBCOG staff have stated that the following proposal will be considered by the CBCOG Executive Board and the full Board of Directors:

- The bylaws will proportionally allocate seats on the CBCOG Board to counties and cities based on their population brackets.
- The maximum number of seats will be capped at 4 per governmental entity.
- Counties will be given one representative for every 20,000 citizens or a fraction thereof
- Cities will be given one representative for the first 15,000 and an additional representative for each additional 35,000 citizens or fraction thereof

A general overview of the proposed changes to the CBCOG board is provided below.

CBCOG Board of Directors			
Proposed Bylaws Amendment	Board of Directors	Breakdown of Representatives -Cities-	Breakdown of Representatives -Counties-
Current	76	42	34
<i>Proposed</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>21</i>

City/County Representation		
	City of Corpus Christi	Nueces County
Current	9	17
<i>Proposed</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may choose not to approve the resolution or give some alternate instruction to the City’s CBCOG appointees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Resolution