

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE November 3, 2022 — MINUTES

### **Council Members Present**

Lora Taylor  
Mary Durham, Council Chair  
Erica Brown, HHSC/Medicaid  
Ronnie Browning  
Debbie Carlisle  
Bill Coorsh  
Gladys Cortez  
Kyle Cox  
Maverick Crawford, III  
Andrew Crim  
Ivy Goldstein, DSHS  
Sean Jackson, DRTX  
Juan Carlos Lopez  
Scott McAvoy  
Amanda Miles  
Meagan Orsag, Texas A&M  
CDD  
Angie Panzica  
Michael Peace  
Justin Porter, TEA  
Holly Riley, HHSC/Older  
Americans Act  
Robert Schier III  
Jonas Schwartz, TWC  
Eric Shahid  
Meridith Silcox

Jamie Thomas  
Kim Torres  
Nina Zuna, TCDS

### **Council Members Absent**

Holly Riley, HHSC/Older  
Americans Act

### **Guests Present**

Floyd Browning  
Elizabeth Danner  
Mary Gonzalez  
Amy Litzinger  
Linda Litzinger  
Christine Reyes  
Shelly Townsend

### **Regional Coordinators**

**Present**  
Erin Fogarty  
Morgan Foster  
Rosa Guel

Canen Melton  
Skyler Mueller  
Shelby Vaughn

### **Staff Present**

Beth Stalvey, Executive  
Director  
Kai Brewer  
Scott Daigle  
Lauren Gerken  
Sabrina Gonzalez  
Crystal Goodwin  
Genessee Klemm  
Le Lien  
Linda Logan  
Evan Marczynski  
Sylvia Medina  
Richard Rendon  
Fernando Rodriguez  
Mary Rochford  
Melanie Teague  
Brianna TenBrink  
Rey Valldejuli  
Koren Vogel

### **Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at the Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Mary Durham called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

#### **1. Introductions**

Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

#### **2. Public Comments**

The Committee of the Whole received public comments from Linda Litzinger

informing the Council on her request for legislation that would prevent law enforcement from releasing 17-year-old individuals with disabilities as adults and require their release to a parent or guardian. The Committee also received public comment from Amy Litzinger on attendant care issues.

3. **Developing Council Member Leadership**

Council members participated in activities designed to increase their knowledge of TCDD activities, policies, and history while promoting engagement among members.

4. **Legislative Preview with State Lawmakers**

TCDD Public Policy Director Scott Daigle introduced Texas State Representative Mary Gonzalez who provided an outlook on issues for the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature. Members discussed TCDD Policy Priorities with Gonzalez and how these issues might be addressed by lawmakers.

5. **Talking About TCDD: How to Get Past the Acronym**

TCDD Community Engagement Director Genessee Klemm led members in activities designed to promote public speaking about TCDD. Klemm discussed crafting a strong introduction and key elements to include in messaging about TCDD.

Adjourn

Council Chair Durham adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:12 p.m.

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Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council    Date