

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING November 3, 2022 – MINUTES

Committee Members

Present

Lora Taylor, Committee
Chair
Erica Brown, HHSC
Ronnie Browning
Debbie Carlisle
Bill Coorsh
Kyle Cox
Sean Jackson, DRTx
Sandra Magaña, UT-CDS
Meagan Orsag, A&M CDD
Angie Panzica
Eric Shahid
Kim Torres, Council Vice
Chair

Committee Members

Absent

Michael Peace

Guests Present

Ellen Bauman
Dennis Borel
Floyd Browning
Norman Kieke
Ron Lucey
Tanesha Roberts-Glover
Jolene Sanders-Foster

Regional Coordinators

Present

Canen Melton

Staff Members Present

Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Sabrina Gonzalez
Linda Logan
Mary Rochford
Brianna TenBrink
Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Public Policy Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at the at the Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027 as well as virtually using the Microsoft Teams platform. Committee Chair Lora Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Consideration of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the August 4, 2022, Public Policy Committee meeting and no additions or corrections were noted.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the August 4, 2022, Public Policy Committee meeting.

MADE BY: Sean Jackson

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** without opposition. Kim Torres abstained from voting.

4. **Chair's Remarks**

A. Member Absences: Chair Taylor noted the absence of Michael Peace.

B. Chair's Quarterly Activities: Taylor discussed her participation in the Backup Power Taskforce and noted the recent addition of an AARP representative to that group.

5. **Member's Quarterly Activities Report**

Committee members provided updates from the previous quarter regarding involvement in advocacy and other activities.

6. **Selection of Nominating Committee Member**

Chair Taylor reviewed the role of the Nominating Committee that is established each year to bring forward nominations for the Council Vice-Chair and Self-Advocate Member-at-Large to serve on the Executive Committee. The Public Policy and Project Development Committee each elect a member to serve on the Nominating Committee, and a third member is selected from the Council. Debbie Carlisle volunteered to be the Public Policy representative on the Committee.

MOTION: To select Debbie Carlisle as the Public Policy Committee representative to the Nominating Committee.

MADE BY: Angie Panzica

SECOND: Sean Jackson

The motion **passed** unanimously.

7. **Presentation: Attendant Wage Study**

Chair Taylor introduced Dennis Borel, Executive Director of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, to provide a presentation on a study the organization commissioned related to attendant wages in the state. The Committee then discussed the issue further.

8. **Presentation: Guardianship Legislative Recommendations**

Chair Taylor introduced Ellen Bauman, member of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities (GCPD), to provide a presentation on a list of legislative recommendations approved by a GCPD subcommittee related to guardianship

and guardianship alternatives. The Committee then discussed the issue further.

9. **Preparation for the 88th Texas Legislature**

TCDD Policy Analysts Sabrina Gonzalez and Lauren Gerken presented to the Committee on legislative advocacy, committee testimony, and office visits.

10. **State and Federal Policy Update**

No updates were provided.

11. **Public Input on Committee Discussion**

No public input on Committee discussion was offered.

12. **Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were suggested.

13. **Other Discussion Items**

TCDD staff requested feedback from Committee Members on their preferred setup of tables for future meetings.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Taylor adjourned the Public Policy Committee at 4:55 PM.

Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council Date