

**Committee**

**Members Present**

Angie Panzica,  
*Committee Chair*  
Ronnie Browning  
Debbie Carlisle  
Kyle Cox  
Sean Jackson, *DRTX*  
Katherine Layman,  
*HHSC Title XIX/Medicaid*  
Sandra Magaña, *TCDS*  
Meagan Orsag, *A&M*  
*CDD*  
Michael Peace

Eric Shahid

Lora Taylor

**Guests Present**

Steven Aleman  
Floyd Browning  
Christina Bryant  
Hannah Gill  
Jonathan Jardine  
Linda Litzinger  
Jeff Miller  
John Nicks  
Austin Spratt

**Staff Present**

Kai Brewer  
Scott Daigle  
Lauren Gerken  
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, February 8, 2024, at the Hyatt Place Houston Medical Center, 7329 Fannin Street, Houston, TX, 77030, as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Angie Panzica called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. A quorum was present.

**1. Introductions**

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

**2. Public Comments**

Public comment was provided by Linda Litzinger of Texas Parent to Parent, who briefly discussed issues related to billing in the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) program.

**3. Consideration of November 2, 2023, Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the November 2, 2023, Public Policy Committee meeting and no additions or corrections were noted.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023, Public Policy Committee meeting as presented.

**MADE BY:** Michael Peace

**SECOND:** Debbie Carlisle

The motion **passed** without objection. Sean Jackson abstained.

## 4. Chair's Remarks

- A. Member Absences: Chair Panzica noted no member absences from the Committee meeting. She acknowledged the recent passing of Council Member Bill Coorsh.
- B. Chair's Quarterly Activities: Chair Panzica discussed her participation in a Disability Leadership Panel for a TCDD Sprint event, as well as her attendance to a virtual presentation on air travel by people with disabilities.

## 5. Members Quarterly Activities

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

## 6. Legislative Update

TCDD staff provided an update on interim charge recommendations, as well as expected and potential departures of disability policy allies at the Capitol.

## 7. TCDD Public Policy Priorities

TCDD staff discussed updates to the TCDD Public Policy Priorities in preparation for the 89th Texas Legislature, which convenes in January 2025.

## 8. State and Federal Policy Update

TCDD staff provided information on the SHARS program, proposed rule changes regarding private duty nursing, a proposed change by the U.S. Census Bureau, and an event hosted by the Texas Standard on disability issues.

## 9. Future Agenda Items

Chair Panzica asked for feedback from Committee Members regarding potential speakers for future meetings.

## 10. Other Discussion Items

No other items were discussed.

## Adjourn

The Public Policy Committee was adjourned at 4:31 PM.

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Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council*    Date

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