

### Committee Members Present

Mary Durham, *Council Chair*

Ronnie Browning

Debbie Carlisle

Lauren Chenoweth, *TWC*

Gladys Cortez

Kyle Cox

Andy Crim

Ivy Goldstein, *DSHS*

Sean Jackson, *DRTX*

Katlyn Le, *HHSC Older Americans Act*

Juan Carlos Lopez

Scott McAvoy

Amanda Miles

Meagan Orsag, *A&M CDD*

Angie Panzica

Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*

Eric Shahid

Meridith Silcox

Lora Taylor

Jamie Thomas

Nina Zuna, *TCDS*

### Committee Member Absent

Maverick Crawford

Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*

Kate Layman, *HHSC Medicaid*

Michael Peace

Robert Schier III

Kim Torres

### Guests Present

Vahid Behzadi

Brynn Biggs

Dylan Bricker

Floyd Browning

Mario Contreras

Beatrice Degree

Hannah Gill

Roni Jo Frazier

Christopher Jenkins

Amy Litzinger

Linda Litzinger

Kimberly Martin

Lauryn McNeil

Jessica Rothe

Katie Snelling

Samantha Spencer

Jennifer Toon

### Regional Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty

Morgan Foster

Rosa Guel

Alexandra Venegas

### Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*

Kai Brewer

Scott Daigle

Lauren Gerken

Crystal Goodwin

Mitchel Griffin

Genessee Klemm

Linda Logan

Evan Marczynski

Richard Rendon

Cass Schnautz

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, May 2, 2024, at the Hyatt Place Houston Medical Center, 7329 Fannin St., Houston Texas, 77030 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Mary Durham called the meeting to

# Committee of the Whole Cont.

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2024

order at 9:09 am. A quorum was present.

## 1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

## 2. Public Comments

Public Comments were provided from Amy Litzinger and Jessica Rothe regarding the lack of emergency evacuation chairs and plans in upper floors of buildings at Texas colleges and universities. Public comment was also provided by Linda Litzinger who spoke on various challenges for young people with disabilities as they transition to adulthood.

## 3. Leadership and Advocacy Updates

TCDD Community Engagement Director Genessee Klemm provided updates on the Council's leadership and advocacy activities over the last quarter. Klemm highlighted TCDD's internal leadership and advocacy efforts as well as the efforts of our grantee projects and partners.

## 4. TCDD Public Policy Fellows – Panel Discussion

Committee Members received a panel discussion from TCDD Public Policy Fellows Dylan Bricker from Epilepsy Foundation Central & South Texas, Hannah Gill from NAMI Texas, and Jennifer Toon from Coalition of Texans with Disabilities. Following the presentation the Policy Fellows engaged in a Q&A with Committee members.

## 5. Social Media Advocacy

Members received a presentation from TCDD Leadership & Advocacy Program Manager Brianna TenBrink on TCDD's Training Sprints program on Social Media Advocacy. TenBrink shared some highlights from the program and discussed the differences between advocacy and lobbying.

## **Adjourn**

Chair Durham adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:11 PM.

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Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council*    Date