

**Committee
Members Present**Andrew Crim, *Council
Chair*

Debbie Carlisle

Kyle Cox

Beatrice Degree

Roni Jo Frazier

Ivy Goldstein, *DSHS*

Shana Halvorsen

Sean Jackson, *DRTX*

Barbara Knighton

Lisa Marenco

Scott McAvoy

Amanda Miles

Kristi Miller, *DSHS*Robin Miller, *A&M CDD*

Angie Panzica

Michael Peace

Robert Schier III

Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*

Eric Shahid

Meridith Silcox

Jamie Thomas

Kim Torres

Nina Zuna, *TCDS***Committee
Members Absent**Sara Damiano, *HHSC
Older Americans Act*Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*

Lora Taylor

Guests Present

Zaide Echegoyen

Rebecca Japko

Amy Litzinger

Linda Litzinger

Lauryn McNeil

John Nicks

Stephanie Oates

Jason Sabo

Hayden Torres

**Regional
Coordinators**

Erin Fogarty

Morgan Foster

Rosa Guel

**Present
Staff Present**Beth Stalvey, *Executive
Director*

Kai Brewer

Scott Daigle

Lauren Gerken

Mitchel Griffin

Crystal Goodwin

Genessee Klemm

Linda Logan

Rey Maldonado

Evan Marczynski

Sylvia Medina

Richard Rendon

Mary Rochford

Cass Schnautz

Brianna TenBrink

Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, November 7, 2024, at the Hyatt Place Houston Medical Center, 7329 Fannin St, Houston, TX 77030 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Andrew Crim called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

Linda Litzinger provided public comment regarding 1915c waivers, Stephanie Oates provided public comment regarding Deaf/Blind Interveners and Amy Litzinger provided public comment regarding issues with attendant services.

3. Techniques and Strategies for Meeting with Lawmakers and Staff – Jason Sabo

Jason Sabo presented a legislative strategy update for the Council. He provided a brief overview of the 2024 election and its impact on issues that affect Texans with disabilities. He offered strategies and steps to be a better advocate and led members in an activity on analyzing legislation for specific advocacy points.

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:00 PM.

Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council* Date