

**Council Members
Present**

Andrew Crim, *Council
Chair*
Debbie Carlisle
Lauren Chenoweth,
TWC
Kyle Cox
Sara Damiano, *HHSC
Older Americans Act*
Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*
Roni Jo Frazier
Ivy Goldstein, *DSHS*
Shana Halvorsen
Sean Jackson, *DRTX*
Barbara Knighton
Kate Layman, *HHSC
Title XIX/Medicaid*
Lisa Marengo
Scott McAvoy

Amanda Miles
Michael Peace
Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox
Katie Snelling, *TEA*
Jamie Thomas
Nina Zuna, *TCDS*

**Council Members
Absent**

Beatrice Degree
Angie Panzica
Robert Schier III
Lora Taylor
Kim Torres
Dan Zhang, *A&M CDD*

Guests Present

Lauryn McNeil

**Disability
Community
Coordinators
Present**

Erin Fogarty
Morgan Foster
Olu Motoni

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive
Director*
Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Genessee Klemm
Linda Logan
Evan Marczynski
Sylvia Medina
Richard Rendon
Mary Rochford
Cass Schnautz
Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Friday, February 7, 2025, at the Holiday Inn Austin – Town Lake, 20 N IH 35, Austin, TX 78701. Council Chair Andrew Crim called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comment was given.

3. Consent Items

Chair Crim reviewed consent items including the minutes from the November 7, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting, the November 8, 2025, Council meeting and the expected absences of Beatrice Degree, Angie Panzica, Robert Schier III, Lora Taylor, Kim Torres and Dan Zhang

from A&M CDD. The Council noted one revision needed to the November 8, 2025, Minutes to change “Executive Committee” to “Council” under the Adjourn section.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 7, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting, the November 8, 2024, Council meeting with the noted revision and the expected absences Beatrice Degree, Angie Panzica, Robert Schier III, Lora Taylor, Kim Torres and Dan Zhang from A&M CDD.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Michael Peace

The motion **passed** unanimously

4. Chair and Executive Directors Report.

TCDD Executive Director Beth Stalvey reported stipends awarded during the quarter. Stalvey also highlighted three vacancies, including the Website Coordinator, Policy Analyst, and West Texas Disability Community Coordinator positions. Stalvey also shared that Olu Motoni has filled the vacant East Texas Disability Community Coordinator position.

Stalvey discussed staff activities including Partners in Policy making Capitol visits, federal activities related to executive orders, and information regarding federal funding.

5. Legislative Visit Follow-Up

Council Members shared details about their visits with legislative offices during the previous day’s Capitol visit.

6. Election of Council Vice-Chair

Nominating Committee Chair Debbie Carlisle reported on the Committee recommendation for Jamie Thomas to continue to serve in the role of Council Vice-Chair. No other nominations from the floor were offered.

MOTION: To elect Jamie Thomas as Council Vice-Chair.

MADE BY: Debbie Carlisle for the Nominating Committee

The motion **passed** unanimously.

7. Election of Self Advocate Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee

Carlisle reported on the Nominating Committee discussion for the Self-Advocate Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee position and recommended Eric Shahid to continue in that position. No other nominations were offered by members.

MOTION: To elect Eric Shahid as the Self-Advocate Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee.

MADE BY: Debbie Carlisle for the Nominating Committee

The motion **passed** unanimously.

8. Future Project Funding Priorities

Project Development Chair Meridith Silcox reported on the Committee's recommended to not change the Future Project Funding Priorities List.

1. Choice Making Among Youth Age 0-14: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives
2. Medical Self-Determination
3. Culturally Competent Family Supports
4. TCDD Storytelling

MOTION: To approve the Future Project Funding Priorities list

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox for the Project Development Committee

The motion **passed** unanimously

9. Executive Committee Report

Chair Crim reported the Executive Committee's approval of continuation grant funding for 4 projects as well as new grant funding for two projects.

TCDD Executive Director Beth Stalvey reviewed the quarterly financial report, current grantee projects report, and the stipend expenditure report.

Council Business Director Koren Vogel discussed updates to the Conflict-of-Interest report.

10. Project Development Committee Report

Project Development Chair Meridith Silcox reported on the Committee's discussion and activities during the Project Development Committee meeting.

11. Public Policy Committee Report

Public Policy Committee Member Debbie Carlisle reported on the discussion and activities during the Public Policy Committee meeting.

12. Agency Reports

The Council received updates from Nina Zuna from University of Texas Center for Disability Studies, Elizabeth Danner from Texas Education Agency, and Ivy Goldstein from the Department of State Health Services Maternal and Child Health.

13. Future Agenda Items

Council Members were encouraged to contact Chair Crim or Executive Director Stalvey with suggestions for future agenda items.

14. Announcements and Updates

Council members discussed the date of the next meeting on May 9, 2025.

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Executive Committee at 11:45 AM.

Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council* Date