

Committee Members Present

Angie Panzica,
Committee Chair
Debbie Carlisle
Kyle Cox
Ivy Goldstein, DSHS
Sean Jackson, DRTX
Katherine Layman,
HHSC Title
XIX/Medicaid

Lisa Marengo
Michael Peace
Eric Shahid

Committee Members Absent

Beatrice Degree
Lora Taylor
Kim Torres

Dan Zhang, A&M
CDD

Staff Present

Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Linda Logan
Mary Rochford
Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Public Policy Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, February 7, 2025, at the Holiday Inn Austin – Town Lake, 20 N Interstate Hwy 35, Austin, TX 78701. Acting Chair Debbie Carlisle called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

The Committee received written public comment from Lauren Pascale who expressed her concern on the proposed school voucher program that she feels will be devastating for the IDD community in Texas.

3. Consideration of November 7, 2024, Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and, and no corrections or additions were noted.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024, Public Policy Committee Meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Michael Peace

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously

4. Chair's Remarks

Debbie Carlisle reported on the expected absences of Beatrice Degree, Lora Taylor, Kim Torres, and representatives from the Texas A&M Center on Disability and Development.

Carlisle shared her disability-related activities during the previous quarter.

5. Member Quarterly Activities

Committee members shared updates on their disability-related activities during the previous quarter.

6. State and Federal Policy Updates

The Committee received a State and Federal Policy update from TCDD staff, who discussed policy and communications activities during the legislative session; TCDD Public Policy Priority Roundtables; a proposed federal phase-out of 14c waiver programs; and public comments on abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

7. Future Agenda Items

Members discussed potential future agenda topics including children with medical complexity in foster care and adoption as well as the topics of medical interveners and dental issues.

8. Other Discussion Items

The Committee received information on a February 25, 2025 virtual event on vocational rehabilitation services and Medicaid waivers, and how they work together. The next Committee meeting will be held May 8, 2025.

Adjourn

Acting Chair Debbie Carlisle adjourned the Public Policy Committee at 10:00 AM.