

Council Members Present

Andy Crim, *Council Chair*
Edward Baffoe
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*
Kate Layman, *HHSC Title XIX Medicaid*
Abigail Maddux
Lisa Marenco
Wendy Maurer
Robin Miller, *A M CDD*
Angie Panzica

Ashley Sattler
Robert Schier III
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox
Jamie Thomas
Nina Zuna, *TCDS*

Council Members Absent

Beatrice Degree
Barbara Knighton
Scott McAvoy
Amanda Miles

Guests Present

Carrie Dougherty
Sydnee Drake
Linda Litzinger
Laurie Maddux
Gayla McLaughlin
Raquel Reyes
Kellie Tinoco
David Vidal

Community Coordinators Present

Morgan Foster
Rosa Guel

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*
Mary Bagwell
Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Mitchel Griffin
Marisa Iannaccone
Genessee Klemm
Linda Logan
Rey Maldonado
Evan Marczynski
Sylvia Medina
Richard Rendon
Cass Schnautz
Melanie Teague
Brianna TenBrink

Call to Order

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Friday, May 9, 2025, at the Westin San Antonio North, 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, Texas 78230. Council Chair Andrew Crim called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

Linda Litzinger provided public comment regarding Medicaid waiting lists, and written public comment was submitted by Hani Merali regarding support for nonverbal students in public schools.

3. Consent Items

Chair Crim reviewed consent items including the minutes from the February 6, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, the February 7, 2025, Council Meetings, and the expected absences of Beatrice Degree, Scott McAvoy, Amanda Miles and Barbara Knighton.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the February 6, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting and the February 7, 2025, Council meeting.

MADE BY: Jamie Thomas

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** without opposition. Robert Schier III abstained from the vote. Sara Damiano was present but did not vote.

MOTION: To approve the expected absences of Beatrice Degree, Scott McAvoy, Amanda Miles and Barbara Knighton.

MADE BY: Jamie Thomas

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** without opposition. Lauren Chenoweth and Sara Damiano were present but did not vote.

4. Chair and Executive Directors Report.

TCDD Executive Director Beth Stalvey reported stipends awarded during the quarter. Stalvey also highlighted three staff vacancies, including the Website Coordinator, Policy Analyst, and West Texas Disability Community Coordinator positions. Stalvey shared the resignation of Senior Public Policy Analyst Lauren Gerken and introduced Marisa Iannaccone as the new TCDD Public Policy Analyst.

Stalvey discussed staff activities including the submission of the Annual Program Performance Report, the rebranding of the Disability Community Coordinators, and the Partners in Policy Making graduates.

5. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation

Meridith Silcox reported on the Project Development Committee's discussion to refine the Choice Making for Youth Age 0-14 Request for Applications (RFA) and the preparation for the revised RFA to be brought to the August 2025 meeting.

6. Future Project Funding Priorities

Project Development Chair Meridith Silcox reported on the Committee's recommendation to make no changes 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

7. Notice of Proposed Texas Administrative Code Rule Review

Chair Crim reviewed the Committee of the Whole and Executive Committee discussion of the necessary rule review of Texas Administrative Code Title 40, Part 21, Chapter 876 which relates to General Provisions of the Council and Chapter 877 which relates to Grant Awards.

MOTION: To post the TCDD Rule Review Plan in the Texas Register for Public Comment

MADE BY: Andrew Crim for the Executive Committee (motions from Committee do not need a second)

The motion **passed** without opposition. Elizabeth Danner, Ivy Goldstein, Lauren Chenoweth and Sara Damiano were present but did not vote.

8. Executive Committee Report

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

Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado shared grant updates including new projects, projects in their final year of funding, and a summary of the risk assessment report.

Business Support Specialist Cass Schnautz shared updates made to the Conflict of Interest report.

9. Project Development Committee Report

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

10. Presentation: Local Community-Based Disability Organization

Staff from the San Antonio transit system VIA Transit presented about paratransit operations and accessible transportation services.

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, Texas Center for Disability Studies and Ivy Goldstein, 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 August 8, 2025.

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Council at 11:17 AM.

Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council* Date