

Committee Members Present

Andrew Crim, *Council Chair*
Edward Baffoe
Debbie Carlisle
Kyle Cox
Sara Damiano, *HHSC Older Americans Act*
Beatrice Degree
Roni Jo Frazier
Shana Halvorsen
Sean Jackson, *DRTX*
Barbara Knighton
Abby Maddux
Wendy Maurer
Scott McAvoy
Robin Miller, *A&M CDD*
Angie Panzica
Ashley Sattler
Robert Schier III
Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox
Jamie Thomas

Committee Members Absent

Kyle Cox
Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*
Amanda Miles
Sandra Magaña, *TCDS*

Guests Present

Dianna Chavarria
Amanda Cobb
Charley Dominguez
Mary Hunter
Laurie Maddux
Ella Rosson
Jenna Rosson
Shannon Rossen
Kenya Sanchez
Katelyn Sempebwa

Community Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty
Morgan Foster
Rosa Guel
Olu Motoni
Alexandra Venegas

Staff Present

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

Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, August 7, 2025, at the Double Tree by Hilton Dallas – Campbell Centre, 8250 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75206. Andrew Crim called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comment was given.

3. Presentation: Partners Resource Network Camp Ability

Erin Fogarty introduced Shannon Rossen, Director of Partners Resource Network, who presented on Camp Ability and the organization's youth programming. Shannon described Partners Resource Network as the parent training and information center for Texas, supporting families of children with disabilities from birth to age 26. The presentation highlighted the camp's focus on self-advocacy, social skills, and empowerment for youth with disabilities. Camp Ability participants discussed their experiences with the program.

4. Update – 89th Texas Legislature

Members participated in an interactive discussion, led by Public Policy Director Scott Daigle, on the 89th Texas Legislature, summarizing key developments from the recent session and ongoing special sessions.

5. FY 2027 – FY 2031 State Plan Development – Goals and Objectives

The Committee engaged in a strategic discussion about the development of the State Plan for fiscal years 2027 through 2031. Executive Director Beth Stalvey and Council Chair Crim facilitated a review of past accomplishments. Members reflected on changes in the policy landscape and the need to adapt goals to the current and evolving conditions.

6. Presentation Help Me Grow / Help Me Thrive North Texas

Edward Baffoe Introduced Katelyn Sempebwa and Amanda Cobb from Help Me Grow/Help Me Thrive North Texas. Sempebwa and Cobb discussed the network of programs supporting families and connecting them to developmental resources and services. While Help Me Grow is an established model supporting families from pregnancy through age 5, Help Me Thrive is a regional pilot program, extending services to older youth, ages 6-17.

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:10 PM.