

Council Members Present

Andrew Crim, *Council Chair*

Edward Baffoe

Debbie Carlisle

Sara Damiano, *HHSC
Older Americans Act*

Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*

Beatrice Degree

Roni Jo Frazier

Shana Halvorsen

Sean Jackson, *DRTX*

Barbara Knighton

Kate Layman, *HHSC
Title XIX/Medicaid*

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

Council Members Absent

Kyle Cox

Sandra Magaña

Amanda Miles

Guests Present

Laurie Maddux

Rebecca Japko

Mary Hunter

Dakota Marks

Kelly Baughman

Dianna Chavarria

Tate Ringer

Community Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty

Morgan Foster

Rosa Guel

Olu Motoni

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*

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

Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Friday, August 8, 2025, at the Double Tree by Hilton Dallas – Campbell Centre, 8250 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75206 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. 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

Written public comments were submitted by Linda Litzinger regarding ISS providers unable to provide transportation. These were read by Council Chair Andrew Crim.

3. Consent Items

Chair Crim reviewed consent items including the minutes from the May 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, the May 9, 2025, Council meeting and the expected absences of Kyle Cox, Amanda Miles and Sandra Magaña from TCDS.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the May 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, the May 9, 2025, Council meeting and the expected absences of Kyle Cox, Amanda Miles and Sandra Magaña from TCDS..

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed**. Scott McAvoy abstained from the vote. Sara Damiano was present but did not vote.

4. Chair and Executive Directors Report.

TCDD Executive Director Beth Stalvey provided updates on three staff vacancies, including the Public Policy Analyst position, Website Coordinator Position, the West Texas Regional Coordinator.

Stalvey outlined key business items for August, including budget planning, internal audits, memorandums of understanding, and administrative code reviews. Updates included approved stipends for conferences, and positive news regarding federal funding with level funding included in both the President's and Senate budgets. Stalvey also discussed Council involvement in disaster response for Central Texas flooding, ongoing state plan and Sunset process work, and preparations for the annual grantee summit in October.

5. FY 2026 Operating Expense Budget

Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado presented the proposed FY 2026 Operating Expense budget in the amount of \$2,896,461 that was discussed by the Executive Committee.

MOTION: To approve the TCDD Operating Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$2,896,461.

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

The motion passed unanimously. Sara Damiano was present but did not vote.

6. Texas Administrative Code Rule Review

Council Chair Crim reviewed the Executive Committee's discussion of the Texas Administrative Code rules. The Committee reviewed TCDD's sections of the Texas Administrative Code: Title 40, Part 21, Chapter 876 on General Provisions and Chapter 877 on Grant Awards. Both chapters are due for rule review based on the 4-year cycle. The Committee also recommended minor revisions to Chapter 877 that clarifies grant limits and updates terminology in the application and review process. The rule review and suggested revisions need to be posted for comment period in the Texas Register

MOTION: To approve posting for public comment of the review of TCDD rules in the Texas Administrative Code as well as recommended revisions to Chapter 877.

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

The motion **passed**. Elizabeth Danner and Sara Damiano were present but did not vote.

7. Memorandum of Understanding with TEA

Council Chair Andrew Crim reviewed the Executive Committee's discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Education Agency.

MOTION: To approve the FY 2026 Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Education Agency.

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

The motion **passed**. Elizabeth Danner and Sara Damiano were present but did not vote

8. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation

Meridith Silcox reported on the Project Development Committee discussion of the revised New Project Executive Summary for Choicemaking Among Youth Age 5-11 and recommended Council approval in the amount of up to \$300,000 per year for up to three years.

MOTION: To approve the Revised Choicemaking Among Youth Age 5-11 New Project Executive Summary for up to \$300,000 per year for up to 3 years

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox for the Project Development Committee (motions from Committee do not require a second)

The motion **passed**. Sara Damiano was present but did not vote.

Silcox also reported on the Committee's decision to make no revisions to the Future Project Funding Priorities List.

9. TCDD Legislative Champions

Angie Panzica described the process for selecting legislative champions, recognizing 11 lawmakers for their work on disability issues during the 89th Texas Legislature. Committee members recognized:

- Rep. Alma Allen
- Rep John Bucy
- Rep Mary González
- Rep Ana Hernandez
- Rep. Suleman Lalani
- Rep. Christian Manuel
- Rep. Claudia Ordaz
- Rep. Toni Rose
- Sen. José Menéndez
- Sen. Tan Parker
- Sen. Judith Zaffirini

MOTION: To recognize 11 lawmakers from the 89th Texas Legislature as TCDD's Legislative Champions.

MADE BY: Angie Panzica for the Public Policy Committee (motions from Committee do not require a second)

The motion **passed**. Sara Damiano was present but did not vote.

10. Presentation: Dallas MetroCare

Tate Ringer from Dallas MetroCare presented their training project for elected officials, describing the development and impact of accessible training videos and the challenges faced in dissemination due to political sensitivities. The Council discussed ways to sustain and distribute these materials for broader awareness and training.

11. Agency Reports

The Council received updates from Kate Layman from Texas Health and Human Services Commission Title XIX/Medicaid, Robin Miller from A&M Center for Disability and Development, Elizabeth Danner from Texas Education Agency, Jonas Schwartz from Texas Workforce Commission, and Sean Jackson from Disability Rights Texas.

12. Executive Committee Report

Chair Crim reported on the Executive Committee's approval of continuation grant funding for seven projects as well as two projects that did not receive continuation funding. Crim also reported that 12 stipends were approved this quarter

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado 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.

13. Project Development Committee Report

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

14. Public Policy Committee Report

Public Policy Committee Chair Angie Panzica reported on the discussion and activities during the Public Policy Committee meeting.

15. Audit Committee Report

Audit Committee Chair Jamie Thomas reported on the discussion and activities during the Audit Committee meeting.

16. Future Agenda Items

Members suggested topics for future meetings, including transportation, housing market studies, and presentations from local partners in Houston.

17. Announcements and Updates

Council members discussed the date of the next meeting on November 5-7, 2025, in Houston

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Council meeting at 11:26 AM.