

Committee Members

Present

Andrew Crim, *Council Chair*
Edward Baffoe
Sara Damiano, *HHSC Older Americans Act*
Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*
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
Katie Snelling, *TEA*
Jamie Thomas

Committee Members

Absent

Debbie Carlisle
Kyle Cox
Sandra Magana, *TCDS*
Amanda Miles

Guests Present

Kelly Baughman
May Durheim
Ginnie Muller
Sandra Venegas
Amy Wood

Regional

Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty
Morgan Foster
Rosa Guel
Olu Motoni
Alexandra Venegas

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
Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Houston Medical Center-Galleria Area 2712 Southwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77098 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Andrew Crim called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M. A quorum was present.

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1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were provided to the committee.

3. Support Needs of Adults with Autism and/or IDD

Sandra Venegas presented findings from the Texas Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network detailing the methodology for identifying children with autism, the demographic makeup of the surveillance area, and key data points such as prevalence rates, age of diagnosis, and co-occurrence with intellectual disability. The Committee discussed the implications of these findings for early identification, service provision, and policy development, and explored challenges related to data collection, diagnostic criteria, and disparities in access to services.

Wendy Maurer introduced Dr. Amy Wood from Project Beacon who presented the results of a housing market analysis for adults with autism and other neurodiversities in Montgomery County. The study revealed significant barriers to independent living, including limited housing options, long waitlists for Medicaid waivers, staff shortages, and high rates of loneliness and isolation among adults with disabilities. The Committee engaged in discussion about funding models, service delivery innovations, and the importance of collaboration with local leaders and developers to create sustainable residential solutions.

4. FY 2027- FY 2031 State Plan Development – Goals and Objectives

Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft goals and objectives for the FY 2027–2031 State Plan. The discussion emphasized the need for broad, inclusive goals that empower people with developmental disabilities and their families, while allowing flexibility in implementation.

MOTION: To recommend Council approval of the draft State Plan Goals & Objectives

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MADE BY: Roni Jo Frazier

SECOND: Wendy Maurer

The motion **passed** without opposition. Sean Jackson and Jonas Schwartz were present but did not vote.

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:09 PM.