

## Council Members

### Present

Andrew Crim, *Council  
Chair*

Edward Baffoe

Kyle Cox

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

Debbie Carlisle

Amanda Miles

## Guests Present

Astrid Alvarado

Christina Bryant

Senaida San Miguel

John Mitchel Skinner

Katie Snelling, *TEA*

Gloria Suarez

Victor Ventura

## Community

### Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty

Morgan Foster

Rosa Guel

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 Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Friday, November 7, 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 9:02 A.M. A quorum was present.

### **1. Introductions**

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

### **2. Public Comments**

No public comment was given.

### **3. Consent Items**

Chair Crim reviewed consent items including the minutes from the August 7, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, the August 8, 2025, Council meeting, and the expected absences of Amanda Miles and Debbie Carlisle.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the August 7, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, the August 8, 2025, Council meeting and the expected absences of Amanda Miles and Debbie Carlisle.

**MADE BY:** Jamie Thomas

**SECOND:** Roni Jo Frazier

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

### **4. Chair and Executive Directors Report.**

Council Chair Andrew Crim highlighted Council activities related to Disability Employment Awareness Month.

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

Stalvey also provided updates on the start of the new fiscal year, ongoing annual report preparation, federal funding status, and the Sunset review process. Stalvey reported on the annual grantee summit and stipends that were approved during the quarter.

## 5. Selection of Nominating Committee Members

Public Policy Committee Chair Angie Panzica reported that the Public Policy Committee selected Sean Jackson to serve on the Nominating Committee. Project Development Committee Chair Meridith Silcox reported that Ashley Sattler was selected by the Project Development Committee to serve on the Nominating Committee. Chair Crim asked for nominations or volunteers from the Council. Jonas Schwartz volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

**MOTION:** To approve the selection of Jonas Schwartz as the Council Representative to the Nominating Committee.

**MADE BY:** Abby Maddux

**SECOND:** Roni Jo Frazier

The motion **passed** without opposition. Sara Damiano was present but did not vote.

## 6. FY 2027 – FY 2031 State Plan Development – Goals & Objectives

Stalvey led a discussion on the process and timelines for the FY 2027 – FY 2031 State Plan Development. Stalvey noted that the five-year state plan is crucial for guiding activities and funding, with a requirement to stay within its approved scope. The Council reviewed the Committee of the Whole discussion and recommendations to post the draft FY 27 – FY 31 State Plan Goals and Objectives for public comment.

**MOTION:** To post the draft FY 27 – FY 31 State Plan Goals and Objectives for public comment.

**MADE BY:** Andrew Crim for the Committee of the Whole (Motions from Committee do not need a second)

The motion **passed** without opposition. Sara Damiano was present but did not vote.

## **7. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation**

Meridith Silcox reviewed the Project Development Committee's discussion of the Youth Leadership Activities Executive Summary.

**MOTION:** To approve the Youth Leadership Executive Summary for one project for up to \$300,000 for five years.

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox for the Project Development Committee (Motions from Committee do not need a second)

The motion **passed** without opposition. Robert Schier III and Sara Damiano were present but did not vote.

Silcox also reported on the Committee's recommended changes to the Future Project Funding Priorities List.

**MOTION:** To approve the changes to the Future Project Funding Priorities List as follows:

1. Youth Leadership Forum
2. Choice Making Among Youth Age 0-14: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives
3. Medical Self-Determination
4. TCDD Storytelling
5. Culturally Inclusive Family Supports

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox for the Project Development Committee (Motions from committee do not need a second)

The motion **passed** without opposition. Sara Damiano was present but did not vote.

## **8. Texas Administrative Code Rule Review**

Chair Crim reviewed proposed revisions to the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) chapter on TCDD Grants that clarified language related to grant applications and reminded members of the current review of all TCDD

related TAC chapters which is required every four years. The notices of review 40 Tex. Admin. Code Chapters 876 and 877 and revisions to Chapter 877 were posted to the Texas Register for public comment and no comments were received.

**MOTION:** To approve readoption of 40 Tex. Admin. Code Chapters 876 and 877 as well as revisions to Chapter 877.

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

The motion **passed** without opposition. Sara Damiano and Robert Schier III were present but did not vote.

## **9. Sunset Commission Review**

Executive Director Beth Stalvey provided an overview of the Sunset Review process, including stakeholder input opportunities, survey distribution, and the timeline for recommendations to the Texas Legislature. Members were encouraged to participate and provide feedback.

## **10. Executive Committee Report**

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

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Valldejuli 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.

## **11. Project Development Committee Report**

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

## **12. Public Policy Committee Report**

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

## **13. 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, Sara Damiano from Texas Health and Human Services Commission Older American's Act of 1965 and Sean Jackson from Disability Rights Texas.

## **14. Future Agenda Items**

Council Members were encouraged to contact Chair Crim or Executive Director Stalvey with suggestions for future agenda items.

## **15. Announcements and Updates**

Council members discussed the date of the next meeting on February 6, 2025.

## **Adjourn**

Chair Crim adjourned the Executive Committee at 11:49 A.M.