

**Committee 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-
Medicaid*

Abby Maddux

Wendy Maurer

Scott McAvoy

Robin Miller, *A&M CDD*

Angie Panzica

Ashley Sattler
Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox
Nina Zuna, *TCDS***Committee Members
Absent**Amanda Miles
Robert Schier III
Jamie Thomas**Guests Present**Andrew Crocker
Sydnee Foxworth
Laurie Maddux
Tricia Perez
Sabrina Saucedo
Austin Spratt
Jake Stukenberg**Disability Community
Coordinators Present**Erin Fogarty
Rosa Guel
Olu Motoni
Alexandra Venegas**Staff Present**Beth Stalvey, *Executive
Director*
Mary Bagwell
Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Genessee Klemm
Linda Logan
Rey Maldonado
Evan Marczynski
Sylvia Medina
Cass Schnautz
Brianna TenBrink
Koren Vogel**Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, February 5, 2026, at the Hilton Austin Airport 9515 Hotel Dr, Austin, TX 78719 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. Council Chair Crim asked for a moment of silence in honor of recently deceased Council member Kyle Cox.

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2. Public Comments

Public comment was provided by Jake Stuckenberg from the Texas State Independent Living Council regarding a Disaster Resilience project with SILC.

3. Presentation: Communication Boards

Council member Ashley Sattler provided information on the communication boards that she designed and how they are used at various sites around the city of Beaumont. The boards allow an option that is not technology based but provides pictures for individuals to express their needs in public settings.

4. Member Development: State Program Overview and Updates

Committee members participated in a member development activity that highlighted the various programs represented on the Council. Members engaged with Jonas Schwartz and Tricia Perez from Texas Workforce Commission representing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Elizabeth Danner from Texas Education Agency representing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Kate Laymen from Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) representing Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid programs), Sara Damiano from HHS representing the Older Americans Act programs, Nina Zuna from Texas Center for Disability Studies and Robin Miller from Texas A&M Center on Disability and Development representing University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and Sean Jackson from Disability Rights Texas representing Protection and Advocacy agencies. Members learned about the various programs and how they might meet needs of specific individuals with disabilities.

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:00 PM.