

Committee Members
Present

Andy Crim, *Council Chair*
Angie Panzica
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox
Jamie Thomas

Council Members
Present

Shana Halvorsen
Barbara Knighton

Guests Present

Anthony Hernandez
Senaída San Miguel

Regional Coordinators
Present

Erin Fogarty
Rosa Guel

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*
Mary Bagwell

Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Marisa Iannaccone
Genessee Klemm
Linda Logan
Evan Marczynski
Rey Maldonado
Sylvia Medina
Cass Schnautz
Koren Vogel
Melanie Teague

Call to Order

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, February 4, 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 1:30 P.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were provided to the committee.

3. Consideration of November 5, 2025, Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and no additions or corrections were noted.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 5, 2025, Executive Committee meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously.

4. TCDD Quarterly Financial Reports

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado presented the quarterly financial report for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Maldonado noted that fiscal year 2024

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funds are nearly fully expended, with a small remaining balance in the process of being closed out. Maldonado reported that remaining funds assigned to grants for fiscal year 2025 are currently being paid out and are expected to be fully expended by the end of the month.

Maldonado reported that the fiscal year 2026 budget has been approved by Congress, making the full allocation of \$6,161,021 available, pending receipt of the second disbursement. An overview of current stipends and active grants was provided, including the status of grants that are active, in closeout, or awaiting the next funding period. No questions were raised, and the finance report concluded.

5. Continuation Grant Awards

Chair Crim read a statement regarding Conflict of Interest prior to the consideration of funding for grant projects, reminding members, staff, and guests to excuse themselves from the conversation if a conflict of interest exists.

Grants Coordinator Sylvia Medina presented the executive summary for the Adults with DD Supporting Aging Family Members project at Alamo Area Council of Governments.

MOTION: To approve up to \$125,000 in continuation grant funding to Alamo Area Council of Governments for the fourth year of a five-year Adults with DD Supporting Aging Family Members project

MADE BY: Angie Panzica

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Grants Coordinator Richard Rendon presented the executive summary for the Strategic Plan and Capacity Building project at Texas Advocates.

MOTION: To approve up to \$75,000 in continuation grant funding to the Texas Advocates for the third year of a three-year Strategic Plan and Capacity Building project.

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously.

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6. Grant Activities Report

Finance and Grants Director Maldonado reviewed grants in their final active year and those that have closed. Maldonado reviewed the Risk Assessment noting that projects listed as moderate risk were due to reporting issues and the steps that are being taken to correct those issues.

7. Council Policies and Procedures Review

Executive Director Beth Stalvey discussed the process to revise Council Policies and Procedures. Members focused on the functions of the Audit Committee and the option to eliminate the committee and move the oversight of its functions and activities to the Executive Committee. Committee members asked staff to bring back draft revisions to the Council Policies and Procedures.

8. FY 2027 – FY 2031 State Plan Development

Executive Director Beth Stalvey presented an update on the FY 2027–FY 2031 State Plan development, noting that the Council previously approved the proposed goals and objectives in November and authorized them for public comment. The public comment period was posted from November 28, 2025 – January 9, 2026. Stalvey reported that 14 public comments were received through multiple outreach methods and were largely supportive, with feedback focused on suggested activities and projects rather than changes to the goal or objective language. She also reviewed minor technical edits made to clarify reporting expectations without changing the intent or scope of the goals and objectives. These edits would not require reposting for formal public comment but members could elect to proceed with this option if desired. Members discussed the updates and determined by consensus that no additional public comment period was necessary; noting the Council will take final action at Friday's meeting.

9. Chair's Report

Chair Crim reported the expected absences of Robert Schier III and Wendy Maurer also noting several members who will participate virtually.

10. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Stalvey reported stipends awarded during the quarter:

1. Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development: Events stipend for up to \$7,400 for the "Texas Transition Conference" February 18-20, 2026, in San Marcos.

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2. Texas A&M University Center on Disability and Development: Speaker stipend for up to \$7,500 for the “Texas Transition Conference” February 18-20, 2026, in San Marcos.
3. Harris County Department of Education: Speaker Stipend for up to \$3,771 for the “The Write Approach to Handwriting: An Evidence-Based Exploration of Writing Development and Dysgraphia”, February 20, 2026, in Houston.

Executive Director Stalvey provided staff updates to note the vacant positions of TCDD Policy Analyst and TCDD Systems Analyst.

Stalvey highlighted upcoming project discussions related to sexual assault prevention, health and wellness initiatives, and policy priorities for the upcoming legislative session, with participation from agency partners and grantees. She also reported that the Council received level federal funding through September 30, with additional grant awards anticipated later in the year.

Stalvey shared updates on federal and administrative activities, including the appointment of a new federal Commissioner for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and information requested by the federal office regarding Council projects. Updates were also provided on anticipated Council appointments, APPR submission and review status, annual reporting efforts, internal process improvements, leadership planning, participation in the sunset review process, and opportunities for continued stakeholder engagement and member input.

11. Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Committee Members reviewed updated conflict of interest disclosure information for Council Members and staff. No concerns were noted.

12. Other Updates

The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Council meetings scheduled for May 6, 2026.

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:35 PM.