

Committee Members**Present**

Meridith Silcox, *Committee Chair*

Edward Baffoe

Andrew Crim

Sara Damiano, *HHSC-Older Americans Act*

Barbara Knighton

Scott McAvoy

Ashley Sattler

Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*

Nina Zuna, *TCDS*

Committee Members**Absent**

Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*

Roni Jo Frazier

Amanda Miles

Robert Schier III

Guests Present

Will Bucknall

Andrew Crocker

Cortney Dozier

Sydney Foxworth

Anthony Hernandez

Tricia Perez

Michelle Schwartz

Community**Coordinators Present**

Erin Fogarty

Olu Motoni

Alexandra Venegas

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*

Genessee Klemm

Rey Maldonado

Evan Marczinski

Sylvia Medina

Richard Rendon

Cass Schnautz

Call to Order

The Project Development Committee 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. Committee Chair Meridith Silcox called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comment was given.

3. Consideration of November 6, 2025, Minutes

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

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 6, 2025, Project Development Committee Meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Barbara Knighton

The motion **passed** without opposition. Nina Zuna abstained from the vote.

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4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Silcox reported on the expected absence of Amanda Miles, Robert Schier III and Elizabeth Danner from TEA.

Silcox shared her quarterly activities including her work with the Houston Commission on Disabilities and noted the upcoming town halls for Texas Workforce Commission.

Silcox also shared information presented in the Executive Committee meeting including reports, continuations, and discussion topics.

5. Member Quarterly Activities

Committee members shared updates on their disability-related activities during the previous quarter.

6. Staff Reports

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado provided updates on Council projects focusing on projects that had ended recently or were in their final year.

7. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation

Michelle Schwartz with SAFE gave a presentation on their TCDD funded Sexual Assault Response and Prevention project. Adults eighteen years of age and older as well as high school students participated in the My Rights My Life project geared towards creating healthier and safer relationships.

Executive Director Beth Stalvey led a discussion on DD informed Health and wellness. The Committee discussed previous TCDD projects on health and wellness and how future health and wellness projects can be developed.

8. Future Project Funding Priorities

The Committee evaluated the Future Project Funding Priorities list. Members reviewed the following list:

1. Youth Leadership Forum
2. Choice Making Among Youth Age 3-11: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives
3. Medical Self-Determination
4. TCDD Story Telling
5. Culturally Inclusive Family Supports

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No changes were made to the Future Project Funding Priorities List.

9. Future Agenda Items

Members were advised to contact Council staff or Chair Silcox if they have suggestions.

10. Other Discussion Items

The next Committee meeting will be held May 7, 2026.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Silcox adjourned the Project Development Committee at 4:52 PM.