

**Committee Members
Present**

Andy Crim, *Council Chair*
Barbara Knighton
Angie Panzica
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox

**Council Members
Present**

Shana Halvorsen
Robert Schier III
Wendy Maurer

**Disability Community
Coordinators Present**

Erin Fogarty
Morgan Foster
Rosa Guel

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive
Director*
Mary Bagwell
Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Mitchel Griffin

Marisa Iannaccone
Genessee Klemm
Linda Logan
Evan Marczynski
Rey Maldonado
Sylvia Medina
Richard Rendon
Cass Schnautz
Melanie Teague
Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Houston Greenway Plaza, 6 E Greenway Plaza, Houston, TX 77046 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Andrew Crim called the meeting to order at 2:31 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 February 4, 2026, Minutes

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

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026, Executive Committee meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously.

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4. TCDD Quarterly Financial Reports

Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado reviewed financial activity for fiscal years 2024–2026. Maldonado noted that FY 2024 funds have been fully expended and that FY 2025 funds were allocated for activities taking place in fiscal years 2025–2026. Maldonado reported on FY 2026 highlighting that approximately \$1.5 million in funding is currently reflected, largely tied to grants ending this year, with some renewals under review.

The stipend expenditure report reflected active FY 2026 stipends, including completed, ongoing, and pending items. The grantee report highlighted approximately eleven grants ending this year.

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 Richard Rendon presented the executive summary for the Enhancing Statewide Community Engagement project at 23 East Group.

MOTION: To approve up to \$200,000 in continuation grant funding to 23 East Group for the second year of a three-year Enhancing Statewide Community Engagement project

MADE BY: Angie Panzica

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

6. Grant Activities Report

Maldonado shared that no new projects began during the quarter and discussed several projects that have ended. Maldonado also reported on projects that are in their final year with anticipated completion by August 2026.

Maldonado reviewed project risk levels and indicated no high-risk projects. Several projects were identified as moderate risk due to reporting delays or staffing changes. Grants staff are actively working with grantees to address issues and maintain compliance.

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7. Council Policies and Procedures Review

The Committee discussed the process and timelines to conduct a periodic review and potentially make revisions to the Council Policies and Procedures documents. Members considered a proposal to combine separate policy and procedure documents into a single consolidated document for clarity and efficiency. They also discussed internal audit activities and the structure for handling these functions in the absence of a contract with an external vendor.

The Committee supported consolidating documents and indicated preference for incorporating audit/review responsibilities within the Executive Committee rather than maintaining a separate Audit Committee. The Committee asked staff to return with draft updates and recommendations at the August 2026 meeting.

8. Project Sustainability and Long-Term Impact

Chair Crim led a discussion on project sustainability. Crim noted that while sustainability is often mentioned, it is not clearly defined, and there is uncertainty about how outcomes continue once projects conclude. There was also recognition that the Council's role is primarily to support learning, innovation, and knowledge-sharing rather than maintaining ongoing program operations.

Committee members explored the idea of improving planning by focusing on long-term impact from the start, rather than treating sustainability as a final step which could involve setting clearer expectations, identifying desired outcomes early, and considering shared responsibility between grantees and the Council. The discussion was exploratory, aimed at refining future processes and encouraging more intentional, flexible approaches to achieving lasting impact.

9. Chair's Report

Chair Crim reported the expected absence of Beatrice Degree also noting several members who will participate virtually. Chair Crim also discussed the ITACC technical assistance sessions which focused generally on improving how councils operate and share best practices.

10. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Stalvey reported stipends awarded during the quarter:

1. Green Oaks Education and Support, Inc.: Speaker stipend for up to \$7,500 for the "Growing Old Gracefully with Intellectual Disabilities: Physical, Emotional, Behavioral, and Neurological Considerations" February 28, 2026, in Arlington.

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2. Alexander Jewish Family Services of Houston: Events stipend for up to \$3,000 for the “ReelAbilities Houston Film & Arts Festival 2026” February 26, 2026, in Houston.
3. Austin Travis County MHMR (Integral Care): Speaker Stipend for up to \$7,000 for the “Central Texas African American Family Support Conference 2026 – ‘Whole People, Whole Communities’”, February 26-27, 2026, in Austin.
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5. Texas Association for Behavior Analysis: Speaker stipend for up to \$8,000 for the “41st Annual Conference Neurodevelopmental Disorders – Adult Track” April 9-12, 2026, in San Antonio.
6. Children’s Disabilities Information Coalition: Events stipend for up to \$7,490 for the “37th Annual Children’s Disabilities Symposium” May 2, 2026, in El Paso.
7. Children’s Disabilities Information Coalition: Speaker stipend for up to \$4,496 for the “37th Annual Children’s Disabilities Symposium” May 2, 2026, in El Paso.
8. Children’s Disabilities Information Coalition: Translation stipend for up to \$975 for the “37th Annual Children’s Disabilities Symposium” May 2, 2026, in El Paso.

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

Executive Director Beth Stalvey provided an overview of the upcoming meeting, highlighting a focus on healthcare and the Council’s significant investments in related projects. She noted that members would hear from health equity initiatives and encouraged members to consider project outcomes, sustainability, and alignment with emerging federal priorities, particularly as healthcare has been identified as a key focus area by the new Administration on Disabilities commissioner. Stalvey also previewed discussions on sexual assault response and prevention—an area not revisited in several years—as well as ongoing public policy work and stakeholder engagement. She highlighted examples of long-standing success, such as Project DOCC, which has achieved sustained impact and integration into medical education programs.

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Stalvey also shared organizational updates, including confirmation of federal funding through the end of FY2026, stable staffing levels, and recent engagement with the new commissioner and partner organizations. Key issues raised in those discussions included mental health, access to healthcare providers, education, and family caregiving, many of which align with current council initiatives. She noted priorities for the next quarter, including submission of the next five-year state plan and continued participation in the Sunset review process.

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 August 5, 2026.

Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Executive Committee at 5:07 PM.