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CoC General Membership Meeting September 23, 2026 Notes

Attendees: see list of attendees at the end of the notes

9:00-9:05 - Welcome

- Hope Nordon, Senior Director of CoC Programs, welcomed attendees.

9:05-9:15 – Introductions

- Hope Nordon and Jason Priddy, CoC Board Secretary, asked groups such as Local Homeless Coalition members and HMIS users to raise their hands to show who was in attendance at the meeting.

9:15-9:20 -- State of the CoC Address

- Victor Rivera, CoC Board Vice-Chair, presented a summary of CoC activities over the 2025-2026 year and highlights of activities for 2026-2027.

9:20-9:30 -- Annual Review of the CoC Governance Charter

- Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, reviewed proposed changes to the CoC Governance Charter.
- The charter will be made available for comment on the [Public Comment Portal](#) on THN's website shortly after 9/23.

9:30-9:45 -- Celebrating Accomplishments: Year-in-Review Presentation

- Ava Paredes, Data and Engagement Coordinator, presented a video on CoC activities and accomplishments during the 2025-2026 year.
- Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjnCzgWHgHg>

9:45-10:45 – Disaster Response and the CoC: What Homeless Services Need to Know

- Billy Streu, Director of Planning, and consultants from ICF Consultants presented on the CoC's roles in disaster response and coordination.

10:45-11:05 – Implementation of the 2026-2027 CoC Action Plan

- Hope Nordon gave updates on the plan's implementation over the first three calendar quarters of 2026.

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- Quarterly reports are available on THN's website at [TX BoS CoC Governance | Texas Balance of State Continuum](#)

11:05-11:20 – TX BoS CoC's Lived Experience Committee (LEC)

- Members of the LEC presented on LEC accomplishments over the past four years and asked for member input on LEC goals for the 2026-2027 year.

11:20-11:30 – General Membership Input

- Hope Nordon opened the floor to input on any topics from CoC general members.

11:30-11:40 – SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)

- Dusty Wherrell, CoC Performance Manager, presented information about the current state of SOAR in Texas.

11:40-11:50 – Vote on 2027 PIT Count Date and PIT Lead Recruitment

- Ava Paredes facilitated a vote on the CoC PIT Count date for 2027 and encouraged people to sign up as PIT Leads for their communities.

11:50-11:55 – Youth Action Board (YAB) Recruitment

- Marcel Rivers, Planning and Engagement Coordinator, announced that the YAB is recruiting new members. Please contact Marcel (marcel@thn.org) for more information or to nominate a youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years.

11:55-12:00 – Closing

- Victor Rivera gave closing remarks and held prize drawings for in-person attendees.
- A prize drawing for online attendees was held by survey, and a winner was announced after the meeting.

CoC Membership: Anyone who works or lives in the CoC's geographic area, and all housing and homeless services projects in the CoC's geographic area, are considered to be general members of the CoC. The CoC has an open invitation process, so people may join the CoC at any time.



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- THN invites members to participate in the CoC's activities. Learn more on the [CoC email list](#), the [THN website](#), and [THN's social media](#).
- Learn more about [CoC Committees on THN's website](#).
- Comment on proposed policies and policy revisions by using the [Public Comment portal](#).
- See [CoC newsletters on THN's website](#).
- See [CoC General Membership Meeting notes and recordings](#).

Attendees: (Alphabetical by first name)

In-person Attendees: (Note that this list includes only the names of the attendees who completed the attendee survey; more people attended the meeting in person than completed the survey)

Amanda	Bell
Amanda	Rodriguez
Ashli	Jones
Audra	Rea
Barbara	Baird
Caroline	Garcia
Cassidy	Wright
Charles	Parkes III
Courtney	Horton
Crystal	Narviz
Debora	De Leon
Elena	Shehan
Erika	Rosa
Erin	Escarzaga
Erminia	Zavala
Estefani	Tapia
Jaslyn	Thompson
Jason	Priddy
Javier	Diaz
Jennifer	Barrientos
Jesenia	Rodriguez
Jesus	Gomez
Julia	Alessandra
Julia	Cole

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Kate	Esqueda
Kaylin	Whitworth
Kellie	Stallings
Kim	Allen
Kimberly	Villarreal
Kristina	Garcia
Kyle	Moore
Lisa	Leal
Lisa	Griffin
Lynn	Freeman
Lynn	Freeman
Maggie	Spellings
Mary	McGlory
Mason	Nazzareno
Melissa	Graham
Melissa	Martinez
Michael	Prado
Morgin	Tingle
Roberta	Bien-Aime
Ron	Patrick
Rosa	Salinas
Ruben	Exum
Rucker	Preston
Tammy	Flores Chan
Tyler	Zoubek
Vincent	Cross

Online Attendees:

Amanda	Bell
Ashlii	Williams
azgari	lipshy
Barbara	SSVF
Berna	Gutierrez
Brent	Ives
Charles	Parkes
Chevella	Layne

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Christel	erickson collins
Crystal	Medina
Damian	Clark
Erin	Rutherford
Ethel	Ellis
Ginny	Stafford
Janeal	White
Janet	Enderle
John	Cockrell
Kate	Esqueda
Laura	Durden Matthews
Linda	Carrillo
Lynn	Freeman
MaLinda	Faughn
Megan	Price
Melinda	Baker
Nancy	Heintz
Naomi	Reynolds
Nieshia	Hall
Petrus	Scholl
Raziya	Hillery
Richard	Dunn
Rosa	Salinas
Sonia	Powell
Stacey	McCoy
Stephanie	Andrade-Rocha
Thomas	Singleton
Tom	Edwards
Tonya	Schirmer
Veronica	Branch
Vicky	LeMeilleur

