Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC Board Meeting

10/28/2026

Approved 11/18/2026

Members Present: Stephanie Andrade-Rocha, Moses Arjona, Natalie Carmona, Marcela Cervantes, Benjamin Davis, Courtney Horton, Daphne' Houston, Dee Moore, Kyle Moore, Crystal Narviz, Jason Priddy, Audra Rea, Lee Rust, Jeremy Stremler, and Victor Rivera
Members Absent: Daisy Lopez and Toni Smith
Note: Seat 16 is currently vacant
Staff Present: Deigo Garza, Hope Nordon, Ava Paredes, Eric Samuels, Mary Stahlke, and Billy Streu

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome (Stephanie)	Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by Chair, Stephanie. Quorum was met.	None
Introduction (Hope)	Hope introduced Diego Garza, the new Director of Data for the TX BoS CoC at THN, and Diego expressed his excitement about his new role.	None
Consent Agenda (Stephanie)	ITEM 1: Approval of the following item presented in the meeting materials • Meeting minutes from 9/22/2026 ITEM 2: Approval of the following reports: • September CoC Lead Agency Report • 6/30/2026 CoC Quarterly Spending Report • Ratification of the Action without a Meeting vote on the CoC Consolidated Application Victor moved to approve the Consent Agenda, and Audra seconded the motion. Members voted. The motion passed.	Motion passed.
2027 PIT Count (Ava)	Ava announced the date of the 2027 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, as voted on by the CoC general membership: Thursday, January 28, 2027. Ava presented the proposed PIT Count methodology: a non-random sample plus extrapolation and a service-based count. Stephanie moved to approve the methodology as presented, and Jason seconded the motion. Members voted. The motion passed.	Motion passed. Staff will use the approved methodology.
CoC Board (Mary)	Mary presented a proposed timeline and process for electing CoC Board members in	Motion passed. Staff will use the

	the 2026-2027 election. Members discussed the possibility of using video interviews of nominees in addition to written answers to interview questions. Pros and cons were mentioned. Moses moved to approve the timeline and process as presented and added the option to have nominees make video nominations. Victor seconded the motion. Members voted. The motion passed.	approved timeline and process, including offering optional video nominations.
CoC Board (Mary)	Mary presented proposed changes to the CoC Board Requirements Policy, mainly relating to Seat 16, representing the CoC's Youth Action Board (YAB). Members discussed the options for when a board member resigns or is removed from their seat: appointing someone to the board or directing staff to hold a nomination and election process. Audra moved to accept the changes to the policy as presented, and Dee seconded the motion. Members voted. The motion passed.	Motion passed. Staff will use the approved version of the Board Requirements Policy going forward. And staff will add similar wording to the YAB policies.
CoC Board (Hope)	Hope presented proposed changes to the CoC Board Officers' Policy relating to voting power of the Executive Committee members. Audra moved to approve the changes to the policy as presented, and Victor seconded the motion. Members voted. The motion passed.	Motion passed. Staff will use the approved version of the Board Officers Policy going forward.
CoC Program (Billy and Hope)	Staff provided an update on the CoC Program's CoC Application and local (CoC-level) application process and outcomes. Litigation is still in progress, so the fate of the FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity process remains to be seen. Victor thanked the staff for their work on the application process, especially during the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness.	Staff will stay abreast of developments and will inform board members of them.
Road to 2027 (Eric)	Eric Samuels, Texas Homeless Network's President and CEO, has traveled to seven communities and will travel to one more, to obtain input from community members about THN's legislative agenda for the 2027 session. Eric highlighted feedback received from community members and spotlighted several bills anticipated to be introduced. Members discussed the feedback and the potential bills. THN's Homelessness Awareness Day at the Capitol will be held on 3/25/ 2027.	Eric will continue developing THN's legislative agenda. Staff will send board members the information Eric presented.
Board Member Suggestions (Victor)	Members gave no suggestions at this time.	None
Closing (Stephanie)	• Stephanie thanked everyone for attending. • The next board meeting will be held on 11/18 from 3:00-5:00 by Zoom. • The Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.	None

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, 11/18, 3:00-5:00 PM, by Zoom