

Members Present: Edwina Lane, Gayla Hawkins, Mary Jo Dollar, James Thorne, Allen Sanderson, Clay Barnett, Lisa Bellows, John Roane (Zoom)

Members Absent: Brian Eaves, Jim Atchison, Newt Cunningham, Nathan Caldwell, Scott Neu

A. Call to Order & Declaration of a Quorum

President Edwina Lane called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized a quorum.

B. Invocation and Pledges

James Thorne provided the invocation and Allen Sanderson led the pledges.

C. Welcome Guests

Guests included: Eric Bridges, Sabino Botello, Beth Eggar, Miranda Harp, Alexis Taylor-Baker, Rayleen Bingham, Sophia Pedraza, Michelle Ritchie, Michelle Palma, Lacey Hugee, Judy Fullylove

D. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

E. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Bridges provided an update on the government shutdown citing no substantive progress has been made. As far as implications on TCOG, thus far, they have been minimal; mostly manifesting as extended reimbursement turn-around. TCOGs FY 2025 Homeland Security Grants remain on hold due to FEMA not yet releasing the award package to the state office. ATMOS Energy and CoServ each contributed \$40,000 and \$7,500 respectively to our utility assistance program. Our Weatherization Assistance Program released an RFP for an additional weatherization contractor. TCOG has been nominated by the Sherman Chamber of Commerce as one of several candidates for non-profit of the year. Staff will be participating in the national Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, October 18th.

F. Approval of Minutes

Mary Jo Dollar made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the September 18, 2025 meeting. James Thorne seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Consent

1. A motion was made by Clay Barnett to approve TCOG's 2025 Criminal Justice Community Plan; approve the FY 2022 DOE-BIL Weatherization Assistance Program contract amendment #3; and accept the report of investments for the period July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025. The motion was second by Allen Sanderson. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Action

1. A motion was made by Clay Barnett to authorize submission and if awarded, the acceptance of the annual Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Grant. The motion was seconded by Lisa Bellows. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Allen Sanderson to ratify the acceptance of the FY 2025 US Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program contract #56250004492. The motion was seconded by Gayla Hawkins. The motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Clay Barnett to accept the monthly Cost Pool report and financial statements. The motion was seconded by Allen Sanderson. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Executive Session

A motion was made by Allen Sanderson at 6:16p and seconded by Clay Barnett to convene a closed meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, "Personnel Matters" to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee – Executive Director. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Allen Sanderson at 6:57p to return to open regular session. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Dollar and carried unanimously. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.



**TCOG Governing Board
Meeting Minutes**

Presiding Location: 1117 Gallagher Drive, Sherman, Texas
October 16, 2025

J. Presidents Report

Edwina Lane thanked her fellow Members for their continued support and participation and staff for their continued great work.

K. Adjourn

Clay Barnett made a motion to adjourn at 6:59p. James Thorne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.