

**Members Present:** Edwina Lane, Jim Atchison, Clay Barnett, Allen Sanderson, Mary Jo Dollar, Lisa Bellows, Nathan Caldwell, Newt Cunningham

**Members Absent:** Brian Eaves, James Thorne, Scott Neu, Gayla Hawkins, John Roane

**A. Call to Order & Declaration of a Quorum**

President Edwina Lane called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and recognized a quorum.

**B. Invocation and Pledges**

Newt Cunningham provided the invocation, and Clay Barnett led the pledges.

**C. Welcome Guests**

Guests included: Eric Bridges (Staff), Mindi Jones (Staff), Miranda Harp (Staff), Beth Eggar (Staff), Sophia Pedraza (Staff), Christen Chaffin (Staff), Judy Fullylove (Staff), Cara Lavender (Staff), Alexis Taylor-Baker (Staff)

**D. Public Comment**

Allen Sanderson mentioned that the Opening Ceremony for the new Open Arms Shelter in Bonham will be held on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 11a to 1p.

**E. Executive Director's Report**

Eric Bridges provided an update on the status of federal appropriations; the Stop Work Order correspondence received from the Office of the Governor regarding the suspension of Homeland Security Program activities as of February 1, 2026; the receipt of our grant award for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program; recent Homeownership Program successes; the launch of our 2025 Community Impact Membership Drive and FYE 2027 Finance Plan preparations; FYE 25 performance metrics for our Utility Assistance and Weatherization Programs; and the opening of the Criminal Justice Program grant applications.

**F. Approval of Minutes**

Clay Barnett made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the November 20, 2025 meeting. Allen Sanderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Consent**

1. A motion was made by Jim Atchison to (1) ratify the FY 2025 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program contract #582500044354 Amendment 1; (2) ratify the FY 2025 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program contract #81250004458 Amendment 2; (3) ratify the PY 2025 Community Services Block Grant Program contract #61250004366 Amendment 4; (4) authorize the submission of the annual Section 8 Management Assessment Program certification to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025; (5) accept the report of investments for the period October 1, 2025 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The motion was seconded by Clay Barnett. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. Action**

1. A motion was made by Allen Sanderson to accept the FY 2026 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program contract #81260004613. The motion was seconded by Lisa Bellows. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Nathan Caldwell to ratify the FY 2025 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program contract #58250004400. The motion was seconded by Jim Atchison. The motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Clay Barnett to accept the FY 2026 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program contract #58260004555. The motion was seconded by Jim Atchison. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Nathan Caldwell to accept the FY 2026 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program contract #58260004590. The motion was seconded by Allen Sanderson. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mary Jo Dollar to accept the PY 2026 Community Services Block Grant Program contract #61260004650. The motion was seconded by Lisa Bellows. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Clay Barnett to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Triumvirate Environmental Services, LLC and Visions Recycling, Inc. for household hazardous waste and latex paint collection and disposal services for our Municipal Solid Waste Program. The motion was seconded by Allen Sanderson. The motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Nathan Caldwell to authorize the submission of the Texas Veterans Community Fund for Veterans Assistance Grant Program application. The motion was seconded by Lisa Bellows. The motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Clay Barnett to authorize submission of the Texas Regional Broadband Program Application of Interest to the Texas Association of Regional Councils. The motion was seconded by Nathan Caldwell. The motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Newt Cunningham to appoint Edwina Lane as TCOG's designee to the Texas Association of Regional Council's Board of Directors for 2026 with Jim Atchison and Eric Bridges as First and Second Alternates respectively. The motion was seconded by Nathan Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Lisa Bellows to accept the monthly Cost Pool Report and Financial Statements. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Dollar. The motion carried unanimously.

**I. Presidents Report**

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

**J. Adjourn**

Newt Cunningham made a motion to adjourn at 6:58p. Jim Atchison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.