

**Members Present:** Edwina Lane, Jim Atchison, Clay Barnett, John Roane, Lisa Bellows, Danny Powell, Gayla Hawkings, Newt Cunningham (Zoom)

**Members Absent:** Brian Eaves, Tommy Moore, James Thorne, Scott Neu, Allen Sanderson

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

President Edwina Lane called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and recognized a quorum.

**B. Invocation and Pledges**

Jim Atchinson provided the invocation, and Lisa Bellows led the pledges.

**C. Welcome Guests**

Guests included: Eric Bridges (Staff via Zoom and phone), Mindi Jones (Staff), Miranda Harp (Staff), Beth Eggar (Staff), Cara Lavender (Staff)

**D. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**E. Induct New Governing Board Member**

No action taken

**F. Executive Directors Report**

Eric Bridges presented his Executive Director's report highlighting key program activities including the ongoing interim single audit fieldwork, TDHCA's monitoring of our Weatherization Assistance Program, the upcoming transitioning of some of our Governing Board seats, the recent staff development activity, US DOI's acknowledgment of our FYE 2027 indirect cost rate proposal, our upcoming HHW event in Bonham on June 6<sup>th</sup> and upcoming building preventative maintenance and annual inspections.

**G. Approval of Minutes**

Danny Powell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> meetings. Clay Barnett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. Action**

1. A motion was made by Jim Atchison to approve the FFY 2027-2029 Area Plan for submission to the State of Texas. The motion was seconded by John Roane. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Lisa Bellows to authorize the 9-1-1 Program to do a refresh of the 9-1-1 call handling in our region and authorize a maintenance contract to maintain equipment for the next six years. The motion was seconded by Gayla Hawkins. The motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Lisa Bellows to ratify the PY 2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract #61260004650 Amendment #1. The motion was seconded by Clay Barnett. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was by Clay Barnett to ratify the FY 2026 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) contract #58260004555 Amendment #1. The motion was seconded by Jim Atchison. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Clay Barnett to authorize the execution of the 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network (TIRN) contract #HHS00155400012. The motion was seconded by Jim Atchison. The motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Jim Atchison to authorize execution of the proposed Subrecipient Agreement with the Community Council of Greater Dallas to provide SNAP outreach and application assistance to eligible, low-income individuals/households in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. The motion was seconded by Clay Barnett. The motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Clay Barnett to accept the monthly Cost Pool Report and Financial Statements. The motion was seconded by Danny Powell. The motion carried unanimously.

**I. Executive Session**

A motion to go into Executive Session at 6:49 pursuant to Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, "Personnel Matters" was made by Lisa Bellows and seconded by Clay Barnett. The motion carried unanimously.



**TCOG Governing Board  
Meeting Minutes**

Presiding Location: 1117 Gallagher Drive, Sherman, Texas  
May 21, 2026

A motion to reconvene into open session at 7:14p was made by Clay Barnett and seconded by John Roane. The motion carried unanimously. In open session, a motion was made by Clay Barnett to provide the Executive Director a one-time bonus in the amount of \$6,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Atchison. The motion carried unanimously.

**J. President's Report**

Edwina Lane appointed a Nominating Committee comprised of Gayla Hawkins, Danny Powell, and John Roane. She also thanked her fellow Members for their continued support and participation and staff for their continued great work. The meeting adjourned at 7:21p.