

**Members Present:** Jim Atchison, Allen Sanderson, Karla McDonald, John Roane, Reggie Marr, Josh Marr, Danny Powell, Tommy Moore (Zoom), Debbie Barnes-Plyler, Newt Cunningham, (Zoom), Tommy Moore (Zoom)

**Members Absent:** Kurt Fogelberg, Scott Neu, Clay Barnett

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

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

**B. Invocation and Pledges**

Josh Marr provided the invocation, and Jim Atchison led the pledges.

**C. Welcome Guests**

Guests included: Eric Bridges (staff), Mindi Jones (staff), Beth Eggar (staff), Miranda Harp (staff), Sabino Botello (staff), Holly Booth, (staff), Judy Fullylove (staff), Vicky Hestand (staff), Hope Whitson, (staff), Rob Barthen (GrantWorks)

**D. Public Comment**

Vicky Hestand invited all the Members to attend TCOG's AmeriCorps Seniors Annual RSVP Recognition Ceremony on September 10, 2026 from 1p to 3p at the Sherman Municipal Ballroom.

**E. Executive Directors Report**

Eric Bridges' report offered insights into the 2028-2029 biennium, FFY 2027 Appropriations, TCOG's Family Self-Sufficiency Program, and our recent Texas Veterans Commission grant. He then introduced Hope Whitson from TCOG's Long-Term Ombudsman Program who presented a brief overview of her program.

**F. Approval of Minutes**

Danny Powell made a motion to accept the minutes for the July 16, 2026 meeting. Allen Sanderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Action**

1. A motion was made by Debbie Barnes-Plyler to approve submission of the 2027 Community Services Block Grant Budget and Community Action Plan. The motion was seconded by Karla McDonald. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Allen Sanderson to authorize the acceptance of the FY 2026 Community Services Block Grant contract #6120004650 Amendment #2. The motion was seconded by Reggie Marr. The motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Danny Powell to accept the monthly Cost Pool report and financial statements. The motion was seconded by Debbie Barnes-Plyler. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. President's Report**

Jim Atchison reminded folks about TxDOT's "Drive Sober, No Regrets" Campaign running from August 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. He also informed Members that he will be unable to preside over the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. He thanked his fellow Members for their continued support and participation and staff for their continued great work. The meeting adjourned at 6:40p.