



**Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
Date: February 19, 2025**

On the above date, the regular meeting of the Texana Center Board of Trustees was held at 2330 Graeber Road in Rosenberg, Texas.

**Board Members Present:**

Sue Fagan, Board Chair  
Dr. Dennis W. Young, Vice-Chair  
John Robson, Secretary  
Sarah Hudgins  
Linda Harnist  
Dr. Toi Blakely Harris  
Vince Bryant  
Sheriff Rick DeLeon (Ex Officio Member)  
Sgt. Chris Morgan (Ex Officio Member)

**Members absent:**

Dr. Asim Shah  
Leroy Cerny

**Staff Present:**

Shena Ureste, Chief Executive Officer  
Amanda Darr, Chief Financial Officer  
Dot Preisler, Director, Human Resources  
Kevin Barker, Director, IDD Provider Services  
Kate Johnson-Patagoc, Director, IDD Specialized Services  
Kara Janecek, Director, Behavioral Healthcare Services

**Staff Absent:**

Sheri Talbot, Director, IDD Authority and Admissions

**Guests:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Sue Fagan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. Sue asked Dr. Young to give the invocation. Sue confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT:**



Sarah Hudgins, Board member, provided public comment in her role as the Chair of the Arc of Wharton. Sarah stated the Arc of Wharton was hosting a staff person from Senator Huffman's office that night to further educate on the issue with inadequate IDD Direct Service Professional rates. She invited anyone who was willing to attend.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sue presented the minutes from the October 24, 2024, meeting and asked the Board if there were any questions or changes needed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Linda Harnist and seconded by John Robson. Motion Carried.

#### II. THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Review and Consider Approval of the Financial Audit for year ended August 31, 2024.

Rebekah Scott, CPA, Audit Partner with Eide Bailly presented the Texana Center Annual Financial Audit Report for the year ended August 31, 2024. She began by complimenting Amanda Darr, CFO, and her team for another excellent audit report.

She reviewed the Report of the Audit of Financial Statements found on pages 5-7, a review of Changes in Net Position found on page 11 and of the fund balance on page 20.

She stated that we are in a much better financial position as to compared to the other sixteen community centers audited by her firm and complimented the management team along with Amanda for that net position.

The motion to approve the financial audit was made by Dr. Dennis Young. Dr. Toi Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### III. BOARD TRAINING WITH NO ACTION REQUIRED:

Amanda Darr, the Chief Financial Officer, provided an in-depth analysis of the financials for specific divisions to educate the Board on the areas facing fiscal challenges due to insufficient state funding. The purpose of the Board training was twofold: to identify the programs, namely IDD Provider Services and ECI, that are financially struggling and to illustrate how supplemental funding from non-designated sources—such as interest income and county funds—has been utilized to support these programs.



In addition, a comprehensive review of the fund balance was conducted, addressing concerns about the sufficiency of this balance moving forward, particularly considering national and state legislative perspectives.

It was emphasized that these supplemental funds have been exclusively allocated to the affected divisions. Going forward, it was recommended that non-designated funds be distributed proportionally, ensuring that other divisions' needs and gaps are also addressed. An analysis was shared illustrating how these non-designated funds have been deployed and the impact on these divisions in the absence of such funding.

An update was provided regarding efforts to engage local elected officials and state legislators, advocating for increased funding to sustain critical programs and highlighting the risks of potentially eliminating these services at Texana Center if funding remains insufficient. Additionally, the current state budgets from the Senate and House were discussed, along with potential wage increases for IDD Provider Services (Direct Care Professionals) to \$12 per hour, as well as adjustments to ECI funding.

Amanda presented an overview of the wide range of services offered by Texana Center, emphasizing the scale of these services in relation to the number of individuals served by Texana.

The Board also discussed the potential for "right-sizing" the IDD Provider Services division to better control costs, ensuring that resources are used efficiently.

Finally, a chart detailing all of Texana Center's properties was shared to inform decision-making as the Senior Leadership Team and Board continues to assess its financial strategy and priorities.

#### IV. NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place on April 23, 2025.

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Council Conference will be held at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas from June 25, 2025, through June 27, 2025. Board members were asked to please mark their calendars pending additional information which will be forthcoming.

#### VI. ADJOURN

The Texana Center Board of Trustees meeting ended at 11:58 am.



Minutes Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Fagan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Sue Fagan, Board Chair