

**Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council**  
**This public meeting of the Council was hosted on WebEx and in room 1011 of  
the LBJ State Office Building.**

**Minutes from the June 8, 2023, Council Meeting**

Pursuant to the notice of a public meeting, filed with and posted by the Office of the Secretary of State on May 30, 2023, Comptroller Glenn Hegar called the meeting of the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council (“Council”) to order at 1:06 p.m., on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

**Members Present:**

Comptroller Glenn Hegar  
Emmanuel Elueze, MD  
Ronald P. “Ronnie” Enriquez, Jr.  
Pedro J. Fernandez, M.D.  
Robert Guevara, M.D.  
Lori K. Holleran Steiker, Ph.D., A.C.S.W.  
John G. Mills, D.O.  
John “Scott” Milton, M.D.  
J. Douglas Thornton, Pharm.D., Ph.D., B.C.P.S.  
Denise Wilkes, M.D., Ph.D.  
Katherine L. Yoder, M.B.A.  
Carrie de Moor, MD

**Members Absent:** Sanjay P. Patel, M.D.; James Muns, M.D.

The Comptroller noted that a quorum was present for the Council to conduct the business posted in the notice of the meeting.

There being a quorum present, the following business was discussed:

The Comptroller presented the minutes of the February 15, 2023, Council meeting for approval. Dr. Mills moved to adopt the minutes and Dr. Holleran Steiker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Comptroller introduced Amanda Lopez, Director of the Opioid Abatement Fund Council, to present a summary of the proposed changes to the publication of new 34 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 16, Subchapter C (Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Program) based on the comments received. The Council discussed the proposed changes. Ms. Yoder moved to adopt the rules as amended and Dr. Elueze seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

The Comptroller opened discussion for each working group to provide updates on their work. Ms. Yoder spoke on the Code of Ethics and Hospital District Working Groups. Dr. Thornton shared updates on the Peer Review Working Group. Ms. Lopez provided updates from the Cycles and Strategies working group. The Council discussed the updates provided from the working groups.

The Council discussed the possibility of creating additional working groups, but the Council did not take a vote to create any additional working groups.

The Comptroller introduced Ms. Lopez to present administrative support and implementation efforts for Council, provide a legislative update, and a presentation of the FY 2023 revenue from settlement agreements and court orders.

The Comptroller announced that the next Council meeting is scheduled for later this year pending the continuation of special legislative sessions and would be announced at a later date.

Dr. Fernandez moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Lopez  
Director, Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council