

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 March 12, 2026, Council Meeting

Pursuant to the notice of a public meeting, filed with and posted by the Office of the Secretary of State on March 3, 2026, Associate Deputy Comptroller Rob Coleman called the meeting of the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council (“Council”) to order at 10:01 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Members Present:

Associate Deputy Comptroller Rob Coleman
Carrie de Moor, M.D.
Emmanuel Elueze, M.D.
Ronald P. “Ronnie” Enriquez, Jr.
Lief Fenno, M.D., Ph.D.
Pedro J. Fernandez, M.D.
Robert Guevara, M.D.
John G. Mills, D.O.
Paul Kivela, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.E.P.
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.

Members Absent:

None

Associate Deputy Comptroller Rob Coleman was designated to serve as presiding officer by Acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock. Mr. Coleman noted that with 13 council members present, a quorum was established for the Council to conduct the business posted in the notice of the meeting.

Mr. Coleman presented the minutes of the December 9, 2025, Council meeting for approval. Dr. Mills moved to adopt the minutes, and Dr. Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

O AFC Director Katy Fallon-Brown opened discussion and possible action on final adoption of proposed amendments to 34 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 16, Subchapter C (Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Program). Ms. Yoder made motion to adopt the proposed rule amendments, and Dr. Mills seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fallon-Brown opened discussion and possible action on the 2026 Grant Issuance Plan. Council discussed the findings of staff, the research, and the approach to refining the scope of the grant opportunity. Dr. Thornton motioned to adopt the amendment to the 2026 Grant Issuance Plan for

the Targeted Grant Strategy for Opioid Abatement within the Criminal Justice System, Dr. Mills seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fallon-Brown provided updates regarding implementation efforts and administrative services for the Council. Eighty Short-term CORE grant agreements were signed, and staff have been getting grantees set up, processing Requests for Reimbursement, and conducting site visits. The Acting Comptroller joined staff to check out the Adult and Teen Challenge location in Magnolia a few months ago, and Dr. Elueze attended an event in Longview where the Naloxone grantee, University Health, had a booth. The Long-Term CORE application deadline was last week, and there were 226 applications with at least three per region. The team is currently working on administrative review, and then applications will go to Texas State for Peer Review. Staff anticipate a Council meeting in May or June to award those grants. At the end of February, the Program submitted the annual report to NOAT describing how certain settlement dollars were spent in Calendar Year 2025. The Program hired two new grant specialists, Ashley Ramirez and Lauren Urke, who have hit the ground running.

Dr. Thornton moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Fallon-Brown
Director, Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council