

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 August 9, 2022, Council Meeting

Pursuant to the notice of public meeting, filed with and posted by the Office of the Secretary of State on July 29, 2022, Comptroller Glenn Hegar called the meeting of the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council (“Council”) to order at 10:01 a.m., on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

Members Present:

Comptroller Glenn Hegar
Carrie de Moor, MD
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.
James Muns, M.D.
Sanjay P. Patel, 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

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 introduced Amanda Lopez, Director of the Opioid Abatement Fund Council, who provided instructions on the requirements for meeting via video conference.

The Comptroller introduced Chris Conradt, Senior Legal Counsel for the Comptroller’s Fiscal and Agency Affairs Legal Division, who presented an overview of the open government training requirements.

The Comptroller introduced agency staff who were present.

The Comptroller asked Ms. Lopez to present an overview of the Council’s roles and responsibilities and information regarding the opioid abatement funds. Ms. Lopez provided background information regarding the composition of the Council, the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund, and flow of opioid abatement settlement funds. Following this presentation, Ms. Lopez and the Comptroller answered questions regarding legal restrictions and use of the funds, and how the settlement agreement documents guided the legislative

process. The Comptroller stated that staff are available to support collection and organization of research from the members.

Ms. Lopez explained the background of the enabling legislation for the Council's work, SB 1827, and provided updates regarding implementation actions taken by the agency.

Ms. Lopez provided a report of funds received and expended by the state. Following this presentation, the Comptroller answered questions regarding legal restrictions and use of the funds in the Opioid Abatement Account.

The Comptroller announced that the next Council meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022.

The Comptroller opened the meeting for public comment. There being none, he closed public comment.

Dr. Mills moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Patel seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Lopez
Director, Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council