

Election of Vice-Chair and Consumer Member-at-Large to Executive Committee

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Background:

During the November 1010 Council meeting, Joe Rivas, Mateo Delgado and Dana Perry were selected as the Nominating Committee to bring forward recommendations for the position of Council Vice-Chair and the position of Consumer Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee selected Joe Rivas as Committee Chair.

Information was provided to all Council members concerning qualifications and members eligible for each position following the November meeting so that individuals could be recommended for consideration. The Nominating will report its recommendation for each position to the Council. Recommendations may also be offered from the floor. A document that outlines the Nominating Committee Procedures and election process is included.

Council Meeting

Agenda Item 6.

Expected Action:

The Council will elect a Council Vice-Chair and Consumer Delegate-at-Large to the Executive Committee.

TCDD - Nominating Committee Information

Background:

Council Policies provide for the Council Nominating Committee to present a recommendation for the office of Council Vice-Chair, and a recommendation to the full Council for a primary consumer delegate-at-large to the Executive Committee at the winter Council meeting. The Nominating Committee was established during November quarterly meetings and includes Mateo Delgado (Public Policy Committee Representative), Joe Rivas (Project Development Committee Representative) and Dana Perry (selected by the Council). Members of the Nominating Committee selected Joe to serve as Chair of the Committee.

During the past quarter, the Nominating Committee has considered recommendations for both of these positions and will bring forward nominations during the February Council meeting. Nominations from the floor may also be accepted. Nominating Committee Procedures are enclosed.

VICE CHAIR - The Council Vice-Chair is responsible to perform the duties of the Vice-Chair when the Chair is unable to serve, chairs the Council’s Audit Committee, and performs other duties as may be requested by the Chair. TCDD Policies provide that an agency representative to the Council is **not** eligible to serve as Council Vice-Chair (i.e. those from the following agencies: DADS, DARS, DSHS, HHSC, TEA, Advocacy, Inc., the Center for Disability Studies, and the Center for Disability and Development). TCDD policies also stipulate that Council members may serve no more than two consecutive, one-year terms as Vice-Chair. Mary Durham is serving in her second term as Council Vice-Chair position so is not eligible to serve a second term. Kris Bissmeyer, John Morris and Rick Tisch have each served two full one-year terms as Council Vice-Chair, but since TCDD Policies provide only that a member may not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms, they are eligible to be nominated again. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to be nominated. The chart below lists Council members who are eligible to be nominated for the office of Council Vice-Chair.

Council Member Term Expires From

Hunter Adkins	2015	Lakeway (Austin)
Kris Bissmeyer	2011	San Antonio
Kimberly Blackmon	2015	Ft. Worth
Kristen Cox	2015	El Paso
Andrew Crim	2013	Ft. Worth
Marcia Dwyer	2011	Plano
Cindy Johnston	2013	Dallas
Diana Kern	2015	Cedar Creek
John Morris	2013	Leander
Deneesa Rasmussen	2015	Arlington
Rick Tisch	2015	Spring
Lora Taylor	2013	Houston
Susan Vardell	2013	Sherman

CONSUMER DELEGATE-AT-LARGE: Council Policies provide for a position as primary consumer delegate-at-large as a member of the Executive Committee. Policies do not limit the number of terms a member may serve as the consumer delegate-at-large on the Executive Committee. Cindy Johnston is currently serving in her third term as the primary consumer delegate-at-large on the Executive Committee, and is eligible to be nominated for another term. Diana Kern, Joe Rivas, and John Morris have each previously served one or more terms as the Consumer Member-At-Large.

Consumer Council members who are eligible to be nominated for the consumer delegate-at-large to the Executive Committee are:

Council Member	Term Expires	From
Hunter Adkins	2015	Lakeway (Austin)
Kimberly Blackmon	2015	Ft. Worth
Cindy Johnston	2013	Dallas
Diana Kern	2015	Cedar Creek
John Morris	2013	Leander

COUNCIL PROCEDURE #7: NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION PROCEDURES

- Council Member Input.** The Nominating Committee shall solicit input from Council members prior to determining nominations for Council Vice-Chair and for Consumer Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee.
- Meetings.** Meetings of the Nominating Committee shall be restricted to members of the Committee only.
- Members Not Eligible.** Nominating Committee members are not eligible for nomination for Vice-Chair or Consumer Member-at-Large.
- Nominations from the Floor.** Nominations by Council members from the floor will follow presentation of each nomination by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor do not require a second.
- Ballot.** If more than one individual is nominated for a position, the election shall be by secret ballot. The Nominating Committee Chair shall count the ballots and announce the outcome.
- Vacancy.** A vacancy in the office of either position may be filled by a majority vote of the members present at any scheduled meeting of the full Council. Nominations shall be made by the Chair of the Nominating Committee, with additional nominations accepted from the floor. Individuals elected in this manner shall serve until regular elections at the next winter Council meeting.