



Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes  
January 8th, 2026  
Via Microsoft Teams hosted by James Bellar  
Meeting ID: 252 530 310 099  
Passcode: k6tE6gt9  
9:00 AM

The board was called to order by James Bellar at 9:09 am

Attendees: James Bellar, Lacey Epperson, Audra Rea, Jason Riddlespurger, Michelle Shields, Virginia Williams Trice, Rudy Montano, Tex Ellis Jr,

Also attending: Shaira Joyce – Lead Agency

Minutes for the following meetings were reviewed:

Michelle made the motion to approve the minutes for the December CoC Board Meeting, and Rudy seconded. The Board voted to approve the minutes for December, and the motion passed.

**Routine Agenda Items:**

Committee Reports:

**Shelter** – Michelle advised that they still have not met since September and that she would reach out to Justin from Coming Home and Virginia to collaborate on restarting the meetings.

**Lived Experience Advocacy Subcommittee (LEAS)** – Lacey confirmed that LEAS would be hosting an event at City Hall on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. She shared that the purpose of the event is to bridge the gap in communication between the city and those currently experiencing homelessness.

**Gap Analysis** – No update

**Monitoring, Scoring, Ranking** – Currently on hold due to a court case regarding this year's NOFO. Shaira advised that the Board would need to meet once HUD provided an update for the 2025 Continuum of Care(CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in the near future.

**New Business:**

PIT: Shaira confirmed date is January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Currently recruiting volunteers with the focus on agencies to provide said volunteers.

Shaira advised that the Community Development Department will provide increased administrative support to the CoC Board and that future communication would likely come from a Community Development Department email.

The board spent time reviewing the previous discussion on revisions in the CoC Governance Charter, allowing proxies for Board members and allowing majority voting on emails. Michelle made the motion to approve both revisions, and Audra seconded. The Board voted to approve both revisions, and the motion passed.

Jason advised that he was resigning from the Board and that Stefanie Rodarte-Suto would be replacing him. Rudy made a motion to accept Stefanie as a new Board member, and Michelle seconded. The Board voted to accept Stefanie as a new Board member, and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.