



Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes
March 27th, 2026
Via Microsoft Teams Hosted by Stefanie Rodarte-Suto
Meeting ID: 257 219 398 609 18
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10:00 AM

The board was called to order by James Bellar at 10:11 am.

Board Members Present: James Bellar, Michelle Shields, Lacey Epperson, Stefanie Rodarte-Suto, Virginia Williams Trice, Steve Smart, Audra Rea

Board Members Absent: Tex Ellis Jr, Rudy Montano, Juan Maldonado

Guests Attending: Shaira Joyce – Lead Agency, Jackie Simmons – Lead Agency

Board Governance Discussion:

Stefanie Rodarte-Suto reviewed the edit of language in the governance as it related to Board makeup. The revisions allow more flexibility, rather than requiring the Board to consist of three elected officials, one representative of the business community, and two representatives of the law enforcement community. Board makeup was the only change to the governance the Board noted for discussion.

Steve Smart made a motion to strike the governance updates that were approved at the December 11, 2025, Board meeting, specifically the section related to Board governance. Virginia Williams Trice seconded the motion. The board voted and the motion carried, removing the previously approved December updates.

Steve Smart then made a motion to approve the revised governance updates presented by Stefanie Rodarte-Suto. Virginia Williams Trice seconded the motion. The board reviewed and discussed the updates, and the motion carried.

The board also agreed that Stefanie will send these updates to the general membership for a vote in May.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.