

**Texas State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) Committee**  
**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**  
**10:00 a.m., November 18, 2022**

**Physical Location: Texas Health and Human Services Commission**  
**Robert Bernstein Building, Room K-100, First Floor**  
**1100 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78756**

**TEAMS Virtual Meeting**

Table 1: Texas State Child Fatality Review Team Committee attendance at the November 18, 2022, meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Dr. Simi Abraham	X		Ms. Letty Martinez		X
Chief Michael Baldwin, Chair	X		Ms. LaViza Matthews	X	
Judge Shane Brassell	X		Dr. Kenton Murthy, Vice Chair	X	
Dr. Kim Cheung	X		Ms. Angelica Powers	X	
Dr. Tara Das	X		Dr. Jennifer Ross	X	
Ms. Kristi Elliott	X		Ms. Kathryn Sibley		X
Ms. Madelyn "Maddie" Fletcher	X		Ms. Amy Smith	X	
Sheriff Christopher Forbis		X	Captain Steven Tellez		X
Dr. Sanjuanita Garza-Cox	X		Dr. Lawrence Thompson, Jr.	X	
Captain Michael Hayes	X		Mr. Jeremy Triplett	X	
Ms. Kerrie Judice	X		Dr. Jeannine Von Stultz	X	
Dr. Owais Khan	X		The Honorable State Representative Gene Wu	X	
Ms. Diane Macleod	X				

**Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Roll Call and Quorum Establishment**

Chief Michael Baldwin, Chair, convened the State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) meeting at 10:00 a.m., and welcomed attendees. Ms. Francesca Kupper, Project Manager, Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO), Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC), provided logistical announcements, conducted the roll call, and noted a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item 2: Introduction of new Committee member**

Chief Baldwin introduced and welcomed new committee member, Dr. Simi Abraham. Dr. Abraham appreciates the opportunity to work on this committee and looks forward to working with all committee members.

**Agenda Item 3: Consideration of August 12, 2022, draft meeting minutes**

Chief Baldwin called for any edits or changes to the draft August 12, 2022 meeting minutes. Receiving no edits or changes, Chief Baldwin called for a motion to approve the draft.

**MOTION:**

Dr. Kim Cheung moved to approve the August 12, 2022 draft meeting minutes as written. Dr. Kenton Murthy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no nays nor abstentions.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Review and vote on Committee bylaws**

Chief Baldwin noted members previously reviewed the bylaws and submitted proposed bylaws revisions to Ms. Sarah Blezinger, Injury Prevention Coordinator, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Ms. Blezinger shared the proposed bylaws revisions with committee members. Chief Baldwin called for a motion to approve the SCFRT bylaws as edited.

#### **MOTION:**

Dr. Murthy moved to approve the SCFRT bylaws as edited. Captain Michael Hayes seconded the motion. The bylaws were approved by 20 yeas (S. Abraham; M. Baldwin; S. Brassell; K. Cheung; T. Das; K. Elliott; S. Garza-Cox; M. Hayes; K. Judice; O. Khan; D. Macleod; L. Matthews; K. Murthy; A. Powers; J. Ross; A. Smith; L. Thompson; J. Triplett; J. Von Stutz; and, G. Wu); one abstention (M. Fletcher); and, no nays.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Presentation: One Texan dies from drowning every day! A report on fatal unintentional drownings, Texas, 2006-2020**

Dr. Molly Johnson, Dell Children's Medical Center, and Ms. Alissa Magrum, Colin's Hope, reviewed the Power Point presentation (PPT), "One Texan dies from drowning every day! A report on fatal unintentional drownings, Texas, 2006-2020." Key points included:

- Background on drowning information in the United States
- Report aim
- Report methods
- Report results
- Drowning data (Texas and United States)
- Report Summary
- Report Discussion
- Report Limitations
- Moving Forward/Next Steps
- Resources

#### **Agenda Item 6: Presentation: Splash into Safety**

Ms. Kathryn Lammers, The Swim Lesson People, reviewed the PPT, "Splash into Safety." Key points included:

- What is drowning?
- Drowning statistics (annual and 2022 drowning statistics)
- Nonfatal drowning statistics and information
- Lifeguard your Child Campaign information, highlights, and goals
- Water safety in Parker County (community education, school presentations, information distribution, life jacket information and loaner stations, April Pool's Day information and results 2019-2022, 2023 goals)

#### **Agenda Item 7: Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Adjourn**

Agenda items identified for future meetings included in-person training events; discussion of important topics to educate localities on prevention efforts; and, information about state drowning prevention measures.

Chief Baldwin noted the next meeting is February 10, 2023, and adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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