

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

AGENDA

Date: August 4, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Texas State Capitol, Room: E2.012
1100 Congress Ave,
Austin, TX 78701

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The Texas Commission on Jail Standards will deliberate and possibly take formal action on items below.

I. Meeting called to order

II. Roll Call of Commission Members

Judge Bill Stoudt, Chairman
Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, Vice Chair
Mr. Duane Lock
Ms. Patricia Anthony
Mr. Ross Reyes

Sheriff Kelly Rowe
Commissioner Ben Perry
Ms. Monica McBride
Sheriff Raul Gonzales

III. Reading and approval of minutes for meeting conducted on May 19, 2022.

IV. Public Comment

V. Old Business

- A. Coryell County – Notice of Non-compliance and Remedial Order Enforcement
- B. Marion – Notice of Non-Compliance
- C. Smith County – Notice of Non-compliance and Remedial Order Review

- D. Terrell County – Notice of Non-Compliance
- E. Proposed Changes to Standards – Update
 - a. § 273.7 – Use of Restraints, Norris, petitioning to amend the rule relating to restraints of pregnant inmates. The workgroup recommended no further action.
 - b. § 261.336 (b) to require the provision of purified drinking water to Dallas County Jail inmates and staff. The workgroup recommended no further action.
 - c. § 275.1 – Regular Observation by Jailers, Malone, petitioning the continuous observation by jailers of inmates known to be potentially suicidal. The workgroup recommended no further action.
 - d. § 275.1 – Regular Observation by Jailers, Lara, petitioning to increase the frequency of observation of potentially suicidal inmates from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes. The workgroup recommended no further action.
 - e. § 291.1 – Inmate Telephone Plan, petitioned by Cassandra Lopez. Scheduled for workshop discussion.
 - f. §§ 259.138, 259.235, 259.740, 260.134, 261.138, 261.234, 261.332. Holding Cells – Petition to amend the rules to modify holding cell doors and to create jail policies to allow for electronic signature devices instead of paper hardcopy signatures that are currently passed through door slots. Petitioned by Ruby Romero. Scheduled for workshop discussion.

VI. New Business

- A. Bowie County – Notice of Non-compliance
- B. Camp County– Deletion of sprinklers; Gov. Code § 511.0097
- C. Collin County – Deletion of sprinklers; Gov. Code § 511.0097
- D. Hidalgo County – Notice of Non-compliance
- E. Nueces County – Notice of Non-compliance
- F. Rains County – Notice of Non-compliance
- G. Swisher County – Notice of Non-compliance
- H. Uvalde County – Notice of Non-compliance

- I. Proposed Changes to Minimum Jail Standards – Proposal to Publish for Public Comment
 - a. Proposed repeal, readoption, and amendment of § 297
 - 1. Proposed amendment to existing rule § 297.2. Regular Commission Inspections – Comprehensive Commission Inspections every 24 months
 - 2. Proposed new rule § 297.3 Inspection Priority Assessment
 - 3. Proposed amendment to existing rule § 297.4 Certification
 - 4. Proposed amendment to existing rule § 297.5 Notice of Non-compliance/ Administrative Order to delete obsolete term “Administrative Order”
 - 5. Proposed amendment to existing rule § 297.6 Response by Officials to delete obsolete term “Administrative Order”
 - 6. Proposed new rule § 297.8 Reinspection
 - 7. Proposed amendment to existing rule § 297.7 Commission Review of Compliance, increased monitoring
 - 8. Proposed new rule § 297.10 Commission Enforcement Action
 - 9. Proposed amendment to existing rule § 297.8 Remedial Order, repeal of obsolete term “administrative order” and minor adjustments to references
 - 10. Proposed adjustments to numerical order of the remainder of the existing rules §§ 297.8-14 thru 297.14
 - b. Proposed New rule § 273.2(5) – Duties following miscarriage or physical or sexual assault of pregnant prisoner.
 - J. Advisory Committee Rules and Procedures
 - K. Four-year Rule Review Plan
 - L. Variance Subcommittee
- VII. Variances
- A. Grayson county – Installation of Variance Beds
 - B. Howard County – 259.114 (c) and (d) Segregation
 - C. Jim Hogg County – Installation of Variance Beds
- VIII. IDD Advisory Committee
- IX. Staff Report

- A. Completed Jail Projects
 - B. Jail Planning and Construction List
 - C. Jails in Compliance/Noncompliance
 - D. Status of Remedial Orders
 - E. Status and Composition of Jail Population
 - F. Executive Director's Activities
 - G. Staff Training/Activities
 - H. Financial Report/Budget
 - I. Inmate Complaint Report
- X. Other Business
- Commission-sponsored Events and Workshops
 - Commission Staffing
 - Off Duty Employment
 - Miscellaneous Letters of Comment
- X. Executive Session- Personnel Matter
- Deliberate the Employment, Evaluation, and Salary of the Executive Director
- X. Next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for:
- November 3, 2022, Texas State Capitol, Room: E2.012, 1100 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701
- XI. Adjourn

The Board may meet in Closed Session on any item listed above if authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Ann. Ch. 551.

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