

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 170
1700 N. Congress Ave. Austin

Please note that, due to the ongoing legislative session at the Texas State Capitol, this meeting is being held at the Stephen F. Austin Building which does not have the capabilities for a live broadcast. You may request a copy of the recording after the meeting by making a public information request to TCJS.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards will deliberate and possibly take formal action on the 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

Sheriff Kelly Rowe
Commissioner Ben Perry
Ms. Monica McBride
Mr. Ross Reyes

III. Reading and approval of minutes for meeting conducted on February 6, 2025 and the Emergency Meeting held April 11, 2025.

IV. Public Comment

V. Old Business

A. Harris County Jail – Non-compliance and Remedial Order

B. Liberty County Jail – Non-compliance and Remedial Order

C. Shelby County Jail – Non-compliance and Remedial Order

D. Falls County Jail – Non-compliance and Remedial Order

E. Jim Hogg Temporary Processing Facility

VI. New Business

A. Cherokee County Jail – Notice of Non-compliance

B. Rains County Jail – Notice of Non-Compliance and Remedial Order

C. Leon County Jail – Notice of Non-Compliance and Remedial Order

- D. Val Verde Temporary Processing Facility – One Year Review
- E. Variance subcommittee
- F. TDCJ – OLS 259.600 Qualifications for Use
- G. Tarrant County District Attorney Request for Attorney General Opinion (RQ-0590-KP) regarding § 511.021(a)
- H. Legislative Update

VII. Variances

- A. Brooks (P) County
 - 259.135 Dormitories
 - 259.143(b) Toilets and Lavatories
 - 259.143(c) Showers
 - 259.143(d) Tables and Seating
- B. Cherokee County
 - 259.143(c) Showers
 - 259.143(d) Tables and Seating
- C. Dallas County
 - 259.143(b) Toilets and Lavatories
 - 259.135 Dormitories
 - 259.136 Dayrooms
- D. Galveston County
 - 259.143(b) Toilets and Lavatories
 - 259.143(c) Showers
- E. Hudspeth
 - 259.114(d) Segregation
 - 259.143(b) Toilets and Lavatories
 - 259.143(c) Showers
 - 259.143(d) Tables and Seating
- F. Sabine
 - 259.134 Multiple Occupancy Cell
- G. Starr
 - 259.133 Single Cells
 - 259.135 Dormitories
 - 259.136 Dayrooms
 - 259.143(b) Toilets and Lavatories
 - 259.143(c) Showers
 - 259.143(d) Tables and Seating
- H. Trinity
 - 261.134 Multiple Occupancy Cells
- I. Wharton
 - 259.134 Multiple Occupancy Cells
 - 259.143(b) Toilets and Lavatories
 - 259.143(c) Showers
 - 259.143(d) Tables and Seating

VIII. Administrative Rules Advisory Committee

A. Rules for Adoption – None

B. Rules for Public Comment

- a. Chapter 297.1 Sanitation Plan
- b. Chapter 263.1 General Purpose
- c. Chapter 263.12 Additions/New Construction
- d. Chapter 263.15 Illumination of Exits
- e. Chapter 263.19 Hazardous Area Protection
- f. Chapter 263.30 General
- g. Chapter 263.32 Periodic Testing
- h. Chapter 263.33 Notification of Others
- i. Chapter 263.50 Emergency Electrical Power
- j. Chapter 263.51 Smoke Management
- k. Chapter 263.52 Standpipes and Hoses
- l. Chapter 263.53 Portable Fire Extinguishers

B. Public Petition for Change to Minimum Jail Standards

- a. Bailey Downey – Assistance and Rehabilitation

C. Four-year Rule Review

- a. Chapter 277
 - i. §277.1 Inmate Clothing
 - ii. §277.2 Laundering
 - iii. §277.3 Personal Clothing
 - iv. §277.4 Personal Hygiene
 - v. §277.5 Toilet Paper
 - vi. §277.6 Showers
 - vii. §277.7 Compelling Haircuts
 - viii. §277.8 Bedding and Linens
 - ix. §277.9 Laundering of Bedding and Linens
 - x. §277.10 Mattresses
 - xi. §277.11 Feminine Hygiene Products
- b. Chapter 265 Admission
- c. Chapter 267 Release

IX. IDD Advisory Committee – Update

X. 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. Staff Training/Activities
- g. Financial Report/Budget
- h. Inmate Complaint Report
- i. State Auditor's Office Audit

XI. Other Business

- Commission-sponsored Events
- Commission Staffing
- Off Duty Employment
- Miscellaneous Letters of Comment

XII. Next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

- Thursday, August 7th, 2025, William P Clements Building
- Thursday, November 6th, 2025, Stephen F. Austin Building

XII. 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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