

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: William P Clements Building, Room 103
300 W 15th Street, Austin

Please note that, due to ongoing projects at the Texas State Capitol, this meeting is being held at the William P Clements Building room 103, 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 May 1, 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. Cherokee County Jail – Notice of Non-compliance and Remedial Order

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

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

H. Tarrant County District Attorney Request for Attorney General Opinion (RQ-0590-KP)
regarding § 511.021(a)

I. Legislative Update

- VI. New Business
 - A. Runnels County – Notice of Noncompliance
 - B. Bexar County – Notice of Noncompliance
 - C. Robertson County – Notice of Noncompliance
- VII. Variances
 - A. Jim Hogg County – 259.136 dayroom, 259.143 Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - B. Tarrant County – 259.143 (b), 259.143 (c), 259.143 (d) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
- VIII. Administrative Rules Advisory Committee
 - A. Rules for Adoption
 - Chapter 297.1 Sanitation Plan
 - Chapter 263.1 General Purpose
 - Chapter 263.12 Additions/New Construction
 - Chapter 263.15 Illumination of Exits
 - Chapter 263.19 Hazardous Area Protection
 - Chapter 263.30 General
 - Chapter 263.32 Periodic Testing
 - Chapter 263.33 Notification of Others
 - Chapter 263.50 Emergency Electrical Power
 - Chapter 263.51 Smoke Management
 - Chapter 263.52 Standpipes and Hoses
 - Chapter 263.53 Portable Fire Extinguishers
 - B. Rules for Public Comment
 - a. 265.13 Verify Veteran Status
 - b. 291.4 Visitation Plan
 - c. 263.40, 263.53, 263.54 Life Safety Rules
 - C. Public Petition for Change to Minimum Jail Standards
 - D. Four-year Rule Review
 - § 279.1. Sanitation Plan
 - § 279.2. Specificity
 - § 279.3. Facility Maintenance
 - § 281.1. Frequency of Meals
 - § 281.2. Dining/Day Rooms for Meals
 - § 281.3. Balanced Diet
 - § 281.4. Prescribed Diets
 - § 281.5. Staff Supervision

- § 281.6. Outside Food Preparation

- IX. IDD Advisory Committee
 - A. Update
 - B. Member of the public appointee
- 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. Executive Session - Personnel Matter
 - Deliberate the Employment, Evaluation, and Salary of the Executive Director
- XII. Other Business
 - Commission-sponsored Events
 - Commission Staffing
 - Off Duty Employment
 - Miscellaneous Letters of Comment
- XIII. Next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for:
 - Thursday, November 6th, 2025, Stephen F. Austin Building
 - Thursday, February 5th, 2026, Location TBA

XIV. 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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