

Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Agenda

Date Thursday, November 6, 2025

Time 9:00 AM

Location Stephen F Austin Building, Room 170
1700 Congress Ave, Austin

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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

Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Chairman
Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, Vice Chair
Mr. Duane Lock
Ms. Patricia Anthony
Judge Joseph Fauth, III

Sheriff Richard C. Kirkpatrick
Commissioner Ben Perry
Ms. Monica McBride
Mr. Ross Reyes

III. Reading and approval of minutes for meeting conducted on August 7, 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. Falls County Jail – Non-compliance and Remedial Order

D. Cherokee County Jail – Notice of Non-compliance and Remedial Order

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

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

G. Tarrant County District Attorney Request for Attorney General Opinion (RQ-0590-KP)

regarding § 511.021(a)

H. Runnels County – Notice of Noncompliance

I. Bexar County – Notice of Noncompliance

J. Robertson County – Notice of Noncompliance

VI. New Business

A. Fisher County – Notice of Noncompliance

VII. Variances

A. Hudspeth County - Review

- 259.114 Segregation
- 259.114(b)(1) Segregation
- 259.135 Dormitories
- 259.143(b) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas

B. Parker County - Review

- 259.134 Multiple Occupancy Cells

C. Bastrop County

- 259.143 (b), (c), and (d) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas

D. Trinity County

- 261 Existing Construction

VIII. Administrative Rules Advisory Committee

A. Rules for Adoption

- 265.13 Verify Veteran Status
- 291.4 Visitation
- 263.40 Plans
- 263.53 Portable Fire Extinguishers
- 263.54 Equipment

B. Rules for Public Comment

- None

C. Public Petition for Change to Minimum Jail Standards

- Kenneth Williams - Contracted Medical Care
- Audrey Nath - Seizure Plan
- Marc Robinson – Family Notifications

- Steve Dunbar – SCBA
- Adriana Leon – Victim Protection

D. Four-year Rule Review

- Chapters 251 through 281 rule review publication
- §283.1 Inmate Discipline Plan
- §283.2 Inmate Rules and Regulations
- §283.3 Inmate Grievance Plan
- §285.1 Physical Exercise
- §285.2 Sunlight
- §285.3 Activities
- §285.4 Volunteers
- §287.1 Education and Rehabilitation Plan
- §287.2 Criteria, Eligibility
- §287.3 Continuity
- §287.4 Library Plan

E. Commission Representative

IX. IDD Advisory Committee

- A. Update
- B. HHS Representative Appointment
- C. County Judge or Commissioner Appointment
- D. Commission Representative

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

XI. Other Business

- Commission-sponsored Events
- Commission Staffing

- Off Duty Employment
- Miscellaneous Letters of Comment

XII. Next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

- Thursday, February 5th, 2026, Stephen F Austin Building

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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