

MINUTES

Meeting: Commission on Jail Standards

Place: Stephen F Austin Building
Room 170
1700 Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

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Time: 9:00 a.m.

Date: November 7, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stoudt of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call of Commission Members

Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Chairman	Mr. Ross Reyes
Dr. Porsa, Vice Chairman	Ms. Monica McBride
Mr. Duane Lock	Sheriff Richard Kirkpatrick
Ms. Patricia Anthony	Judge Joseph Fauth III
Commissioner Ben Perry	

Commission members present at roll call were Sheriff Rowe, Dr. Porsa, Mr. Duane Lock, Sheriff Richard Kirkpatrick, Judge Joseph Fauth, Ms. Patricia Anthony and Ms. Monica McBride. Commissioner Ben Perry and Mr. Ross Reyes were absent. Staff members attending in-person included Brandon Wood, Ricky Armstrong, Jason Jouett, Todd Allen, Michael Garrett, Michael Gravitt, Martin Arnold, Leslie Spear, Richard Morgan, Chris Keith, Clarissa Fasci, Zachary Aguirre, Lindsey Bailey, Stephanie Reneau, Courtney Elrod, Gabriel Farley Nicole Alexander, Rebecca Perez.

Also in Attendance:

Lily Garcia	Angel Ayala
Daryl Melton	Terry McCrew
Cassandra Johnson	Tiffany Ryals
Jimmy Fullen	Travis Curry

Hank Dugie Tamra Ramsey Patrick Dougherty Levi Vance Nita Steve Smith Craig Harrington Chad Stroud, Hunt County Sheriff's Office Amaal Sharif Chad Carther Nathan Green, Liberty County Vanessa Johnson Priscilla Hanchett Jason Ross, Burns Architecture Mary Gallo, Travis County Sheriff's Office Gunnar Seaquist, Liberty County Carolina Craine, Texas Jail Project Daniel Duarte Santiago Franco Jeremy Cawell, Trinity County Sheriff's Office Leo Aguirre Jennifer Shumake, Bexar County Sheriff's Office Alan Langton Shane Sowell, Dallas County Sheriff's Office Bill Stever Goldie Van Zandt, Texas Jail Project Alberto Longeria Jason Clark, TCJS Sarah Knight Krish Gundu, Texas Jail Project Dalila Reynoso, Texas Jail Project Judge Byron Ryder, Leon County Jose Moreno Cody Copeland, Tarrant/FW Star-Telegram Bill Knox, Liberty County Michael Mitchell	Shannon Srubar Wharton County Sheriff's Office Kathy Johnson, OAG Lydia Leos Sylvia Salent Citterece McGregor Jennifer Cagloh, Galveston County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Brent Dickson, Cherokee County Robert Kelly Sheriff Ellis, Leon County Michael Hopkins, Rains County Thomas Diaz, Harris County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Bobby Rader, Liberty County Matthew Peston, Liberty County Erich Morsbach, Bell County Stephen Holmes Pat Marion Recana George Griffith Brad Coe, Kinney County Sheriff's Office Brenda Osborne Jess Hampton P Sorchia Costigan Sheriff Jason Campbell, Falls County Jody Krumnow, Falls County Sheriff's Office Judge Phillip Spenrath, Wharton County Albert Gerald Corbell Allison Harbison, Shelby County Thomas Bellmyer, Shelby County Jose Molina Griselle Ortiz Astacio, OAG Phillip Bosquez, Harris County Sheriff's Office Rob Jackson, Harris County Sheriff's Office Heather Guerrero, Liberty County Sheriff's Office
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III. Approval of Minutes

Sheriff Rowe asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting

conducted August 7, 2025. A motion was made to approve by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Commissioner Lock. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

- Wood Marotta: Addressed law-mandated access to feminine hygiene products for jail detainees, highlighting continued noncompliance and challenges for those requesting basic products. Recommended stronger enforcement, better policy visibility, and the removal of barriers for access, especially for those in solitary.
- Caroline Crain: Shared experiences advocating for detainees with intellectual disabilities, questioning why such individuals are routed through restoration when unlikely to be restored. Urged the commission to address delays in treating psychosis and improve protocols for psychiatric medication in jail.
- Mary Jane Martinez: Spoke on behalf of people who have died at Bexar County Jail due to alleged neglect and lack of accountability. Called for audits, transparency, and holding local officials responsible for preventable inmate deaths.
- Michelle Vela: Supported mothers who lost children to jail deaths in Bexar County, citing ongoing accountability issues and alleged a lack of proper investigation into the facility's leadership. Demanded comprehensive investigation and answers for affected families.
- Dr. Mark Robinson: Recommended that protocols ensure family notification and engagement for hospitalized inmates, noting that lack of communication intensifies trauma for families. Suggested concrete policy changes for contact during ICU admissions or extended hospitalizations.
- Goldie Van Zandt: Thanked the Commission for implementing a veterans verification system for jails, which helps direct veteran detainees to appropriate resources.
- Nan Terry: Highlighted the lack of policy and ineffective training regarding dehydration/malnutrition deaths in Texas jails, specifically referencing Tarrant County. Urged state-level policy reforms to mandate accountability and prevent such deaths.
- Citterece McGregor (Mother): Shared the story of her son Christopher, who died of medical causes in Harris County Jail and had a long history of serious mental illness. Criticized failures in notifications, care continuity, and broader systemic issues for psychiatric inmates.

- Lydia Leos: Described how delayed medical response and a lack of family notification allegedly led to her son Julian's death in Bexar County. Urged policies for immediate family notification after medical emergencies and criticized the emotional toll of existing practices.
- Dr. Audrey Nath: Raised the issue of preventable deaths from seizures in jail, advocating for evidence-based treatment protocols to prevent such outcomes. Thanked the commission for considering and including her proposed seizure guidelines on their agenda.
- Tamara Hutcherson: Spoke as one of three women suing Dallas County for being forced to remove religious headscarves for mugshots. Shared her humiliation, the mental health impacts, and called for clear jail policies to protect religious rights.
- Jay Martinez: Criticized conflicts of interest in jail feasibility studies, where companies that profit from constructing or running jails are also hired to determine the need for such facilities. Urged that such practices be stopped to preserve public trust.
- April Christian: Spoke about her son Jordan's medical neglect (post-traumatic surgical needs and multiple sclerosis) while detained in Tarrant County. Argued that substandard medical care is unacceptable and jails must be held responsible for inmates' health.
- Dora Garza: Social worker in a jail-based competency restoration program, described systemic failures in mental health care transitions, Medicaid reinstatement, and community re-entry for criminalized individuals with serious psychiatric needs. Proposed better continuity of care, faster Medicaid restoration, and prioritizing long-term support connections upon release.
- Hannah: Shared the case of "Victoria," who gave birth alone in a cell in Johnson County Jail, and described systemic patterns of abuse, deprivation of care, and cruelty within that jail. Called for urgent investigation and accountability.
- Scott Clayton: Shared his sister Ruby's death in Hood County Jail after postpartum complications, who was allegedly denied appropriate care despite being high-risk and begging for help. Advocated for enforcement of continuity-of-care checks and zero tolerance for denying urgent medical interventions.
- Krish Gundu: Read a statement about Michelle, a woman with developmental disabilities denied her psychiatric medication in Comal County Jail, leading to severe mental and physical health decline. Urged recognition of guardianship rights within jails for people with disabilities.

- Sarah Knight: Thanked the commission for policy changes around out-of-state custody death reporting after her son's death, but described ongoing anxiety as her daughter was arrested while in psychiatric crisis. Cited a Houston investigation's findings on the high proportion of mentally ill jail deaths, asking the commission to address the "warehouse" approach to mental illness.
- Kim Carlson Lewis: Talked about her son Eric's death after being relocated from Harris County to an out-of-state private jail, where he died from an infection. Criticized insufficient mental health support and repeated traumas caused by the jail system, calling for the creation of local mental health facilities over spending millions outsourcing detainees.
- Cassandra Johnson: Spoke about her son Traylen Murphy's death in Tarrant County Jail after a long struggle with injuries and mental health, criticizing the lack of communication and investigation. Called for outside reviews and accountability.
- LaMonica Bratton: Related her daughter Chassidy's rapid decline and death after transfer to Tarrant County Jail, raising concerns about ignored medical pleas, missing surveillance footage, and lack of proper investigation. Requested answers and transparency from the commission to provide closure.

A 10-minute recess was taken at this time. Sheriff Rowe called the rest of public commenters at this time.

- Lori Ward: Provided testimony regarding her son who passed away in custody at the Fort Bend County Jail. She described her son's struggles with mental health and his background.
- Reverend Jocelit Griffin: Provided testimony regarding her son Evan Lee who passed away in the Harris County Jail. She discussed the organization she has created to help other families in similar situations.

V. Old Business

A. Harris County – Notice of Non-Compliance and Remedial Order

Director Wood advised that Harris County was on the agenda to review their compliance status. He detailed discussions with the Office of the Attorney General regarding the proposed corrective action plan. Harris County representatives included Chief Deputy Thomas Diaz, Assistant Chief Deputy Philip Bosquez, and a director of Harris Health.

Chief Diaz provided testimony regarding the Harris County Jail's efforts to regain compliance, including a 20% reduction in inmates outsourced to Louisiana, and an update on staffing. He advised that 47 staff would graduate training soon, and 50 more

would be hired. The average length of stay was reported to be at 161 days. He also advised that all outsourcing of inmates Mississippi has ended.

Assistant Chief Bosquez provided an update on the areas of non-compliance detailed during the previous inspection. He discussed the missing fire checklist, and the 48-hour housing requirement, and the steps taken to correct these areas. He discussed the plan of action to correct the issues with the Fire Panel in one facility used for transferring individuals.

Director Wood asked for information regarding delivery of medications and sick call requests being seen in a timely manner. Chief Bosquez referred to the representative of Harris Health. She discussed a new process to allow triage nurses within 24 hours in a face-to-face visit. She also discussed the escalation process for addressing issues getting inmates to medical.

Commissioner Lock asked for clarification regarding the 20% reduction in outsourced inmates. Chief Diaz provided clarification, adding that the total number of inmates outsourced to Louisiana was reduced to 800 from a fluctuating 1000 to 1500 inmates. Chief Diaz advised that the contract with Mississippi would end soon and all inmates housed there would be returned by the end of the month, and that the contract for Louisiana would continue. Commissioner Lock requested information regarding the number of events in which medication, or transfer to a hospital, was delayed during the previous 90 days. Commissioner Lock advised that he wanted to see a trend between meetings of the Commission on this information. Harris Health representative advised that this information could be provided at the February meeting.

Director Wood advised that the Commission's representative from the Attorney General's office has worked with the Commission staff regarding guidance and direction on this matter. Director Wood recommended that the remedial order, as amended in February 2025, remain in place, and authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with Harris County on an agreed upon action plan, with the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General. Commissioner Lock made a motion to approve the recommendation, and Sheriff Kirkpatrick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Liberty County - Notice of Non-Compliance and Remedial order

Director Wood advised that Liberty County was on the agenda regarding non-compliance and an in place remedial order, and that the issue has been referred to the Office of The Attorney General and moved to the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Representatives of Liberty County included counsel Gunnar Seaquist, Jail Administrator Heather Urias, and Captain Profer.

Mr. Seasquist provided testimony that an agreement had been reached with the Office of The Attorney General to prevent closure of the Liberty County Jail. He advised that corrections to areas of non-compliance were underway and advised that all locks

should be replaced by the end of January. He also advised that intercoms should be installed in that same timeframe. He advised that renovations on the fire damage are ongoing, and HVAC repairs have been approved by the Commissioner's Court. Mr. Seaquist confirmed that inmates are housed in areas with a compliant fire suppression and smoke evacuation. Mr. Seaquist stated that the current inmate population was 125 inmates and referred inmates to other counties to maintain the proper staffing ratio. Finally, he advised that Liberty County was moving forward with plans to construct a new facility.

Director Wood requested information regarding funding for a new facility. Mr. Seaquist advised that he would look into this area and return with information. Director Wood discussed the funding process and possible challenges. Director Wood requested information on staffing and inmate population. Heather Urias advised that, even in compliance, Liberty County would have to house inmates in other counties to maintain the appropriate ratio. She advised that some of the East Hall of the jail have functioning smoke detectors, locking systems, and intercom systems.

Director Wood recommended that the second amended remedial order remain in place and rather than forcing the immediate closure of any area, removing that language and requiring the county to finalize an action plan that prioritizes repairs to ensure a safe and secure facility. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Judge Fauth. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Falls County Jail – Notice of Non-compliance and Remedial Order

Director Wood advised that Falls County was on the agenda regarding non-compliance. Representatives from Falls County included Sheriff Jason Campbell, Executive Chief, Jail Administrator Jody Krumnow, assistant Jail Administrator Christian Morales. Sheriff Campbell provided testimony regarding the additional three positions hired since the previous Commission meeting, and that they are fully staffed.

Director Wood advised that Falls County has passed one of two required inspections to regain compliance and recommended no action.

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

Director Wood advised that Cherokee County was on the agenda regarding non-compliance, and that they have passed the first of two required inspections to regain compliance. Jail Administrator Julie Fletcher provided testimony regarding changes made at the Cherokee County Jail to regain compliance including a new RMS system, and a new electronic charting system for accountability, accuracy, and elimination of some human error. She advised that they expect the system to be fully operational by June 2026.

Director Wood requested clarification and additional details regarding the new medical record system. Julie Fletcher advised that she could pull reports from this new system indicating if medication passes are missed. Director Wood advised that the Commission staff will continue to work with Cherokee County to regain compliance and recommended no action at this time.

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

Director Wood advised that Rains County was on the agenda regarding non-compliance and enhanced enforcement with a remedial order in place, and that Rains County has passed the first of two inspections required to regain compliance.

The Rains County County Judge Brent Hilliard provided testimony regarding the condition of the jail and efforts to regain compliance. He discussed ways to modernize and refurbish the Rains County Jail without starting a project for a new facility. He also discussed the hiring of a Compliance Officer and the purchase of a new transport van for the jail. Finally, he discussed the addition of an ID system to track medications, inmate movement, and NCIC communication software. Additional pharmacy staff were hired as well.

Director Wood recommended no action be taken.

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

Director Wood advised that Leon County Jail was on the agenda regarding non-compliance and enhanced enforcement with a remedial order in place. He advised that Leon County has passed the first of two required inspections to regain compliance, and that Leon County would be in compliance administratively as of that afternoon. Leon County Jail Administrator Alice Miller, her assistant Robert Kelley, and County Judge Byron Ryder were in attendance to provide testimony. She advised that every screening performed is forwarded to her to ensure that appropriate notifications are made. She provided additional background on the deficiency noted, and discussed the corrective action taken. Director Wood recommended no action be taken at this time.

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

Director Wood provided the Commission with a brief update that no opinion has been issued on this matter, but that the Commission staff would continue to monitor the situation and update the Commission as information becomes available.

H. Runnels County – Notice of Non-Compliance

Director Wood advised that Runnels County was on the agenda regarding enhanced enforcement with a remedial order in place. He advised that Runnels County was currently in compliance with minimum jail standards and that they have passed the first of two required inspections to regain compliance completely.

Runnels County Sheriff Carl Squyres was in attendance to provide testimony regarding their efforts to regain compliance. He discussed the changes in paperwork review and training. County Judge Julia Miller and Jail Administrator Shelly Basart were in attendance to provide additional testimony. Shelly Basart discussed a four-tiered process for paperwork review that starts with the booking officer and ends with her.

Director Wood recommended that no action be taken at this time.

I. Bexar County – Notice of Non-Compliance

Director Wood advised that Bexar County was on the agenda regarding noncompliance and an in place remedial order. He provided testimony that Bexar County began making corrections in short order and were placed back in compliance shortly after the previous meeting. However, due to a second failed inspection within a certain time frame, they were placed in enhanced enforcement. He advised that Bexar County Jail was in compliance at the time of this meeting and would provide an update.

Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar was in attendance with Assistant Chief Joel Jansen, Deputy Chief Jennifer Shumake, and Captain Don Pena. Sheriff Salazar advised that they have demonstrated ability to remain in compliance, and that they have had no issues to speak of on their new processes. Director Wood discussed the difficulties that Bexar County Jail faces regarding the area of non-compliance cited due to the unique population at the Bexar County Jail. He advised that the Bexar County Jail would be subject to the required two comprehensive inspections to regain compliance completely, and recommended no action taken.

J. Robertson County – Notice of Non-Compliance

Director Wood advised that Robertson County Jail was on the agenda regarding non-compliance and enhanced enforcement with a remedial order in place but have been administratively returned to compliance as of this meeting.

Robertson County Sheriff Bill Ruland was in attendance with Chief Deputy Andres De La Garza and Jail Chief Karen Fox. Sheriff Ruland described the areas of non-compliance and discussed the additional oversight added to record keeping to correct issues with classification and medication. Director Wood advised that Robertson County would be subject to the required two comprehensive inspections to regain

compliance completely and recommended no action be taken.

VI. New Business

A. Fisher County – Notice of Non-Compliance

Director Wood advised that Fisher County does not operate a county jail, and they do not house inmates. However, the Fisher County Jail was still inspectable as it had not been closed by official commissioner's court action. He advised that the issues discovered were related to life safety.

Fisher County Judge Ken Holt was in attendance to provide testimony. He advised that the official closure of the Fisher County Jail would be on the Fisher County Commissioner's Court meeting for December 2025. Fisher County Sheriff Pat Dickson was in attendance and provided testimony that the jail has been depopulated in 2023, and he discussed the issues with their generator and fire safety. Judge Holt advised that their intent is most likely to close the facility.

Director Wood recommended that no action be taken at this time.

VII. Variances

A. Hudspeth County – Review

Hudspeth County was previously granted a variance to install additional beds at their existing jail facility. Director Wood advised that these beds were granted to be used as part of Operation Lone Star, and they have not been used at this time, and recommended that the variance be canceled.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Commissioner Anthony. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Parker County

Parker County was previously granted a variance to install one additional bed in several multiple occupancy cells. Director Wood advised that Parker County's variance has been at, or near, capacity, and that the variance was granted for 12 months in November 2024 and were in attendance to provide testimony. Additionally, Parker County is in the process of constructing a new facility.

James McCorman was in attendance as a representative of the Parker County Jail and advised that there was a ballot initiative to fund a new facility which failed recently. He advised that the next plan was to use an existing facility located within Parker County to purchase, renovate, and utilize for up to 266 beds, and requested that the variance be

continued to assist until more details are available.

Director Wood requested that Parker County attend the February 2026 Commission meeting to provide a firm update in regard to their plans moving forward. Director Wood recommended that the variance be extended until the February 2026 meeting. Dr. Porsa made a motion to approve the recommendation and seconded by Judge Fauth. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Bastrop County

Director Wood advised that Bastrop County was in the early stages of constructing a new facility, and are in the process of bringing a minimum-security facility, that was previously operated, back online. Bastrop County was requesting a variance to allow the installation of 30 additional beds in the existing facility. After staff reviewed the details, it appeared best to reduce that to approximately 20 beds based upon square footage, seating, and toilets and showers.

Bastrop County Sheriff Maurice Cook was in attendance with Jail Administrator Lisa Miller. He provided testimony regarding the growth of Bastrop County in relation to Travis County. Director Wood discussed the steps that staff and Bastrop County are taking to ensure any variance granted in this situation is reasonable.

Director Wood recommended granting the variance at 20 beds and also requested permission to continue working with Bastrop County to identify potentially additional beds that may be added. He also recommended reviewing this variance at the February 2026 meeting. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Commissioner Lock, and seconded by Dr. Porsa, which passed unanimously.

D. Trinity County

Director Wood advised that Trinity County had previously requested to be on the agenda to request a variance that was previously in place and canceled. However, their bond issue failed and they were no longer able to request variance.

No action taken.

E. Dallas County

Director Wood advised that Dallas County has been renovating a portion of their existing facility and is requesting a variance to use beds that are approximately half an inch short. Dallas County provided evidence that the mattresses fit on the bunks.

Chief Deputy Shane Sowell was in attendance to provide testimony. H advised that they are asking for a variance on 13 double bunks. He advised that they have no intent on using the beds but expect their population to fluctuate. Director Wood recommended that the variance be granted.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Commissioner Anthony. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Hidalgo County

Director Wood advised that Hidalgo County was requesting that their variance allowing additional beds installed in the facility be extended. Director Wood advised that Hidalgo County has dire need of these beds due to Operation Lone Star.

Chief Guerrero of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office was in attendance to provide testimony and discussed the number of beds needed at their facility. Director Wood advised that Hidalgo County has maintained compliance throughout the span of this variance, and recommended the variance be continued for one year. Dr. Porsa made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Anthony. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Administrative Rules Advisory Committee

A. Rules for Adoption

Director Wood advised that a change to administrative code was recommended by the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee in 265.13 Verify Veteran Status due to new legislation. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Judge Fauth. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wood advised that a change to administrative code was recommended by the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee in 291.4 Visitation due to new legislation. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Commissioner Lock and seconded by Dr. Porsa. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wood advised that a change to administrative code was recommended by the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee in 263.40 to correct grammar. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Commissioner Lock. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wood advised that a change to administrative code was recommended by the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee in 263.53 Life Safety Rules to correct a reference to the National Fire Protection Association. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Judge Fauth. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wood advised that a change to administrative code was recommended by the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee in 263.54 Life Safety Rules to correct grammar.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Judge Fauth. The motion passed unanimously.

An overall motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lock and seconded by Judge Fauth. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Rules for Public Comment

None at this time.

C. Public Petition for Change to Minimum Jail Standards

Director Wood requested permission to send the newly received public petitions for change to minimum jail standards to the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee for review. Dr. Porsa made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Lock. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wood advised that two public petitions on the agenda (those regarding SCBA rules and victim protection rules) were returned to the Commission to determine action. He advised that, regarding SCBA rules, the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee recognizes the importance of the NFPA and requests that the full board provide guidance on how to proceed. Director Wood requested that staff be allowed to continue working on language with the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee to propose language at the next Commission meeting. Sheriff Rowe made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Dr. Porsa. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wood recommended tabling the public petition regarding victim phone protection, and that no action be taken as there are already protocols in place at the local level to accomplish this task. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Judge Fauth. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Four-year Rule Review

Director Wood advised that chapters 251 to 281 of minimum jail standards were due for rule review and would be published to the Texas Register for public comment. He also detailed the other rules due for review: chapters 283, 285, and 287. A motion to approve the rule review was made by Sheriff Kirkpatrick and seconded by Dr. Porsa. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Commission Representative

Sheriff Rowe advised that he will continue to serve as the Commission representative on the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee.

No action taken.

F. Member of the Public Appointment

Director Wood recommended Caroline Craine for appointment to the vacant member of the public position on the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Commissioner Lock and seconded by Dr. Porsa. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. IDD Advisory Committee

A. Update

Director Wood provided an update on the state of the IDD Advisory Committee and legislation related to the advisory committee.

B. HHS Representative Appointment

Director Wood recommended that Ann McGonigle from HHS be appointed to the vacant HHS representative position on the Intellectual or Developmental Disability Advisory Committee. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Porsa and seconded by Commissioner Lock. The motion passed unanimously.

C. County Judge or Commissioner Appointment

Sheriff Rowe advised that Lubbock County Judge Curtis Parrish was nominated to the vacant county judge or commissioner position on the Intellectual or Developmental Disability Advisory Committee. Sheriff Rowe made a motion to appoint Judge Parrish and was seconded by Judge Fauth. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Commission Representative

Sheriff Rowe advised that he would continue to serve as the Commission representative on the Intellectual or Developmental Disability Advisory Committee.

No action taken.

X. Staff Report

A. Completed Jail Projects

Director Wood reported that the completed projects are listed in the commission meeting book provided to commission members.

B. Jail Planning and Construction List

The 4-page construction report is included in the packets.

C. Jails in Compliance/Noncompliance

Director Wood referred Commissioners to the list in their book.

D. Status of Remedial Orders

Director Wood listed the counties currently under remedial order. This information was provided in the commission members' books.

E. Status and Composition of Jail Population

Director Wood advised members that this information is provided in a one-page report in the commission members books.

F. Staff Training/Activities

Director Wood advised members that a list of training performed by staff members is provided in their book.

G. Financial Report/Budget

Director Wood directed all to the current budget expenditures for FY 2025 in their books.

H. Inmate Complaint Report

Included in their book is the three-month report on complaints. Non-jurisdictional complaints continue to be prevalent.

XI. Other Business

- Commission-sponsored Events and Workshops

- Commission Staffing

- Off Duty Employment

No events to report.

- Miscellaneous Letters of Comment

None

XII. Adjourn

By appropriate motion to adjourn by Dr. Porsa and a second by Commissioner Anthony, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49.

XIII. Next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

- Thursday, February 6th, 2026, at the Stephen F Austin Building

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.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services, such as interpreters or persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Richard Morgan (Richard.morgan@tcjs.state.tx.us) two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandon D. Wood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brandon Wood, Executive Director