

Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Agenda

Date Thursday, May 7, 2026
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
 - Sheriff Richard C. Kirkpatrick
 - Commissioner Ben Perry
 - Mr. Duane Lock
 - Mr. Ross Reyes
 - Ms. Monica McBride
 - Ms. Patricia Anthony
 - Judge Joseph Fauth, III
- III. Reading and approval of minutes for meeting conducted on February 5, 2026 and April 23, 2026
- IV. Public Comment

- V. Old Business
 - A. Bexar County – Notice of Noncompliance and Remedial Order
 - B. Harris County Jail – Non-compliance and Remedial Order
 - C. Leon County Jail – Notice of Non-Compliance and Remedial Order
 - D. Liberty County Jail – Non-compliance and Remedial Order
 - E. Rains County Jail – Notice of Non-Compliance and Remedial Order
 - F. Robertson County – Notice of Noncompliance and Remedial Order
 - G. Runnels County – Notice of Noncompliance and Remedial Order
 - H. Tarrant County District Attorney Request for Attorney General Opinion (RQ-0590-KP) regarding § 511.021(a)

- VI. New Business
 - A. Hidalgo County Jail – Government Code 511.0097 Fire Sprinkler Head Inspection
 - B. Hood County Jail – Government Code 511.0097 Fire Sprinkler Head Inspection
 - C. Jasper County Jail – Government Code 511.0097 Fire Sprinkler Head Inspection
 - D. San Patricio County Jail – Notice of Noncompliance
 - E. Val Verde (P) County Jail– Notice of Noncompliance

- VII. Variances
 - A. Dallas
 - a. §259.143(b) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - B. Galveston
 - a. §259.143(b) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - b. §259.143(c) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - C. Sabine
 - a. §259.134 Multiple Occupancy Cells
 - D. Starr
 - a. §259.133 Single Cells
 - b. §259.135 Dormitories
 - c. §259.136 Dayrooms
 - d. §259.143(b) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - e. §259.143(c) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - f. §259.143(d) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - E. Wharton
 - a. §259.143(b) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - b. §259.143(c) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas
 - c. §259.143(d) Furnishings for Inmate Housing Areas

- VIII. Administrative Rules Advisory Committee
 - A. Rules for Adoption
 - §259.168 Television Monitoring
 - §259.264 Television Monitoring
 - §259.358 Television Monitoring

- §259.454 Television Monitoring
- §259.770 Television Monitoring
- §275.1 Regular Observation by Corrections Officers
- §275.7 Supervision Outside the Security Perimeter – Court Holding Cells
- §259.117 Inmate Entrance
- §259.123 Kitchen
- §259.141 Dormitories
- §259.151 Detention Doors
- §259.153 Door Closers
- §259.737 Dormitories
- §269.3 Weapon/Ammunition Procedures
- §263.40 Plans

B. Rules for Public Comment

- §259.132 Exercise Areas
- §253.1 Definitions
- §216.6 Complaints
- §265.4 Inmate Files
- §265.5 Health Tags
- §265.7 Telephone Use
- §267.7 Release of Ward (new)
- §273.2 Health Services Plan
- §273.9 Guardianship
- §281.5 Staff Supervision

C. Public Petition for Change to Minimum Jail Standards

- Alirma Davis - Overdetention
- Paula Keeth – Overdetention
- Ritu Sampige – Women’s Health

D. Four-year Rule Review

a. Readoption

- §283.1 Inmate Discipline Plan
- §283.2 Inmate Rules and Regulations
- §283.3 Inmate Grievance Plan
- §285.1 Physical Exercise
- §258.2 Sunlight
- §285.3 Activities
- §285.4 Volunteers
- §287.1 Education and Rehabilitation Plan
- §287.2 Criteria, Eligibility
- §287.3 Continuity
- §287.4 Library Plan
- §289.1 Assignment and Supervision
- §289.2 Voluntary Work

- §289.3 Maximum Hours
- §289.4 Outside the Security Perimeter
- §289.5 Non-Exclusivity
- §291.1 Inmate Telephone Plan
- §291.2 Inmate Correspondence Plan
- §291.3 Inmate Commissary Plan
- §291.4 Visitation Plan
- §291.5 Inmate Religious Practices Plan
- b. Publish for Review
 - §299.1 Policy
 - §299.2 Filing
 - §299.3 Contents
 - §299.4 Burden
 - §299.5 Determination/Notice
 - §299.6 Request for Hearing
 - §300.1 General
 - §300.2 Designated Services
 - §300.3 Applicable Facilities
 - §300.4 Setting Fees
 - §300.5 Collection of Fees
 - §301.1 Procedures
 - §301.2 Decision

IX. IDD Advisory Committee

- A. Update
- B. Commission Representative
- C. HHSC Representative Appointment
- D. Chairman Appointment

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. Executive Session: Personnel Matters related to the Executive Director

XII. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding the Selection or Appointment of The Executive Director.

XIII. Other Business

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

XIV. Next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

- Thursday, August 6th, 2026, Stephen F Austin Building
- Thursday, November 5th, 2026, Stephen F Austin Building

XV. 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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