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Texas Juvenile Justice Department Appoints Jay Kimbrough As Special Assistant

AUSTIN – Cherie Townsend, executive director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), announced today that she has tapped Jay Kimbrough to serve as a special assistant for safety and security at TJJD facilities.

Kimbrough, who currently serves as assistant director for Texas homeland security at the Department of Public Safety, will be on loan to TJJD to address issues involving security and safety at the state-run facilities that house juvenile offenders. He will remain with TJJD for as long as necessary. The appointment will take effect immediately.

“I am pleased that Jay has agreed to help TJJD as we restore legislative, public and employee confidence that Texas is operating facilities that are safe for both employees and youth,” Townsend said. “Jay has extensive experience in juvenile justice issues, including having served as conservator of the former Texas Youth Commission in 2007, and he also has the confidence of key members of the legislature. I also am deeply grateful to DPS Director Steve McCraw for agreeing to lend Jay to TJJD.”

In his new role, Kimbrough will oversee all aspects relating to safety and security at the state’s juvenile facilities. He will report directly to the executive director, and all TJJD staff currently assigned to TJJD facilities will report directly to him.

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