



TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Virtual Emergency Board Meeting

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Friday, July 10, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

On March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. Governor Abbott has continually extended this declaration since that date. The Texas Juvenile Justice Department, TJJJ, operates high-restriction juvenile facilities and medium restriction halfway houses. The ongoing spread of COVID-19 has had a deleterious impact on TJJJ's ability to staff its facilities. This presents a threat to the health and safety both TJJJ staff and the youth in the Department's care. Because of the continuing threat presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is not possible for TJJJ to locate, hire and train sufficient personnel to supplement staff who are unable to work due to COVID-19. If not proactively addressed, an ongoing inability to maintain staffing at TJJJ secure facilities could result in an imminent threat to public health and safety, thus requiring immediate action to ensure the safety of TJJJ staff and youth, and the public. Due to the foregoing reasons, TJJJ is calling an emergency meeting of the TJJJ Board for the purpose of discussion, consideration and possible action to address its essential resource requirements until such time as TJJJ's staffing stabilizes.

1. Call to order
 2. Discussion, consideration, and possible approval regarding excused absences (Action)
 3. Report from the chairman
 4. Public comments (must email Jeannette.Cantu@tjjd.texas.gov by 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2020, to register for public comment)
 5. Report from the executive director
 6. Report from the chief inspector general
 7. Discussion, consideration, and possible ratification of current contract with BCFS Health and Human Services for supplemental staffing support necessitated by recent staffing shortages arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring board approval pursuant to GAP.385.1101 (Action)
 8. Adjourn
- The Texas Juvenile Justice Board reserves the right to limit the time and scope of public comments as deemed appropriate by the Board.
 - The Texas Juvenile Justice Board reserves the right to take formal Board action on any posted agenda item if necessary.
 - Items may not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear on the agenda.
 - The Texas Juvenile Justice Board may go into closed session with respect to any item as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, as codified in Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
 - If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Jeannette Cantu at 512.490.7004 or Jeannette.Cantu@tjjd.texas.gov
 - The Texas Juvenile Justice Board reserves the right to broadcast its meeting live.