

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

September 14, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Friday, September 18, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.** virtually, to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and for the purpose of holding a meeting of the Harris County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. No action by the Harris County Commissioners Court will be taken at this meeting.

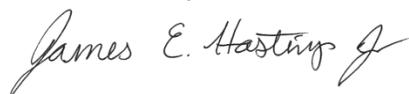
On March 16, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott granted a request by the Texas Attorney General to waive certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act to reduce face-to-face contact relating to government meetings while maintaining government transparency during government meetings in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Governor Abbott suspended various statutory provisions requiring government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. On June 26, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-28 which, as amended by his July 2, 2020 Proclamation, directs that all persons not otherwise excepted by the order shall not be in groups larger than ten and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group. Therefore, the public will only be able to attend the meeting virtually.

Members of the public are still entitled to participate and address governmental bodies during any telephonic or videoconference meeting. In accordance with the Governor's order, the public may make comments by signing up to speak by no later than **Friday, September 18, 2020 at 8 a.m.** at <https://justiceinnovation.harriscountytexas.gov/CJCC-Appearance-Request-Form>. You will be placed in a queue and will receive a phone call when it is your time to speak. The agenda is attached to this notice. Agendas may also be obtained in advance of the court meeting via the internet at the following link: <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>. The public may access the meeting through the following link:

<https://harriscounty.webex.com/harriscounty/onstage/g.php?MTID=e2886b851a96ad55f692716a4286386a0>.



Christopher G. Hollins, County Clerk
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of Harris County, Texas



James E. Hastings Jr., Director
Commissioners Court Records





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Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Agenda

12:30	Call to Order by Chair Judge Hidalgo
	Approval of previous Meeting Minutes 11.14.19
	First Six Month Report of the ODonnell Consent Decree from the Independent Monitor and Deputy Monitor Professor Brandon L. Garrett and Professor Sandra Guerra Thompson
	Presentation and public discussion on proposed amendments to the Bylaws Jim Bethke, Director
	Presentation on addressing Racial Equity in Criminal Justice Brandi Ebanks Copes, Racial Disparity and Fairness Administrator
	Recommendation for reinstatement of the Racial & Ethnic Disparities Committee Brandi Ebanks Copes, Racial Disparity and Fairness Administrator
	Report from the Justice Administration Department, including update of George Floyd related items Jim Bethke, Director
	Update on the Safety + Justice Challenge Sustainability Grant, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on criminal case backlog in the courts Elaine Borakove, Justice Management Institute
2:30	Adjournment



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Appearances before CJCC

Justice Staff, or another person designated by the Chair, shall keep the time for speakers. Those persons who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting and recognition to speak may be refused at subsequent meetings of the Council. Refusal to abide by the Council's order may result in removal from the meeting.

1. 3 minutes

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted relates to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be requested to come to the podium where they will be limited to three minutes. A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes if they have not appeared at any of the three preceding Council meetings on the same issue.

2. 1 minute

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda and who has appeared at any of the three preceding council meetings on the same issue will be limited to one minute.