

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

March 8, 2021

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Thursday, March 11, 2021 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 (CJCC) to consider the matters brought before the CJCC as shown on the posted agenda. No action by the Harris County Commissioners Court will be taken at this meeting.

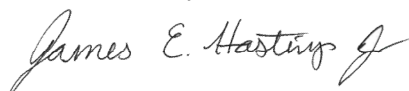
On March 16, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott granted a request by the Texas Attorney General to waive certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act to reduce face-to-face contact relating to government meetings while maintaining government transparency during government meetings in accordance with Section 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 March 2, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-34. Due to the ongoing health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, Governor Abbott's order encourages all persons to use good-faith efforts to follow the COVID-19 health recommendations of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). DSHS recommends that "[i]ndividuals may not be in a group larger than 10 individuals (including those within the individual's household). Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals." Accordingly, this meeting will be held by videoconference. Members of the public are still entitled to participate and address governmental bodies during any telephonic or videoconference meeting. The public may virtually access the meeting through the following link: <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>.

In accordance with the Governor's order, the public may make comments by signing up to speak by no later than **Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 8:00 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. It is the intention of the Harris County Commissioners Court to provide open access to all members of the public of Harris County to express themselves on issues addressed by County government. However, members of the public are reminded that the Harris County Commissioners Court is a constitutional court, created by the State with judicial, administrative and legislative powers. As such, the Harris County Commissioners Court possesses authority to issue Contempt of Court citations. Accordingly, persons shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in addressing the Court, in participating in public discussions before the Court, and in all actions in the presence of the Court, whether in a regular or a special meeting. Profane, insulting or threatening language, and racial, ethnic or gender slurs or epithets will not be tolerated. 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 Court. Refusal to abide by the Court's Order may result in a Contempt of Court Citation. 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>.



Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court
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
	<p>Welcome to new members: Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey, PE, Precinct 3; Christian D. Menefee, County Attorney; Judge Kelli Johnson, Administrative Judge of the Criminal Trial Division of the District Courts; Judge Tonya Jones, Administrative Judge of the Statutory County Courts; Gwen Sims, MEd, RD, LD, Interim Public Health Department Director; Jim Bethke, Interim Pretrial Services Director (5 min.)</p>
	Approval of previous Meeting Minutes 12.11.20
	<p>Nominations of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Chair and Vice-Chair. Election to be held at the June 24th meeting (5 min.)</p> <p>County Judge Lina Hidalgo</p>
	<p>Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the Proposed Amendment to the CJCC Bylaws (5 min.)</p> <p>Jim Bethke, Director for the Justice Administration Department & Interim Director of Pretrial Services</p>
	<p>Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the proposed structure and Committee roles/responsibilities for the Survivors of Crime Committee; Request for consideration to create a committee to vet the applicants and propose recommendations at the next CJCC meeting. (15 min.)</p> <p>Veronyka James, Survivors of Crime Researcher and Specialist, Justice Administration Department</p>
	<p>Update on the application process for the Racial and Ethnic Equity Committee; Presentation of the Criminal Justice Equity Index. (10 min.)</p> <p>Brandi Ebanks Copes, Racial Disparity and Fairness Administrator, Justice Administration Department</p>
	<p>Presentation from the Mental Health Standing Committee: Harris County Behavioral Health & Juvenile Justice Action Plan (5 min.)</p> <p>Wayne Young, CEO of the Harris Center for Mental Health & IDD</p> <p>Henry Gonzales, Director, Juvenile Probation Department</p>



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	<p>Presentation on Felony Bail Practice: The Landscape in Harris County (10 min.) Colin Cepuran, Justice Policy Research Analyst, Justice Administration Department</p>
	<p>Presentation from Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab Technical Assistance Projects (10 min.) Ana Billingsley, Hena Rafiq, and Gabriela Solis, Harvard Fellows</p>
	<p>Second Six Month Report of the ODonnell Consent Decree from the Court- Appointed Monitor (10 min.) Professor Brandon L. Garrett, JD, Monitor</p>
	<p>Presentation from the Justice Administration Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Office on the Harris County Jail population trends (10 min.) AJ Roy, Data Technology Director, Justice Administration Department Virginia Ryan, In Custody Population Manager, Harris County Sheriff's Office</p>
	<p>Open discussion regarding recent jail population trends and the continued impacts of COVID-19 on our criminal justice system operations. (5 min.)</p>
2:00	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.