

# NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

February 22, 2021

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.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 considering and taking action on matters brought before the Court as shown on the posted agenda.

Notice is hereby given that, prior to the adjournment of the regular meeting of Commissioners Court, the Court may also consider supplemental agenda items and/or emergency or urgent public necessity agenda items. Supplemental items may be published up to 72 hours before a meeting of the Harris County Commissioners Court. Emergency or urgent public necessity items may be published up to one (1) hour before a meeting of the Harris County Commissioners Court.

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 October 7, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-32, which 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 may access the meeting through the following link: <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>. 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, members of the public may make comments by signing up to speak by no later than 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021, at <https://appearancerequest.harriscountytexas.gov/>. If you sign up to speak, 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. 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. Agendas may be obtained in advance of the court meeting via the internet at <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>.



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