

JUVENILE BOARD MEETING
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
April 28, 2021 12:00 P.M.
JUDGE LINA HIDALGO, CHAIR

FIRST AGENDA

JUDGES: Danilo Lacayo Michelle Moore
Julia Maldonado Natalia Oakes
Leah Shapiro Tanya Garrison
Lucia Bates

STAFF: Henry Gonzales
Executive Director

Due to the ongoing health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, on March 2, 2021 Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-34 encouraging 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 “individuals 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.” On March 6, 2021 the Governor extended his original March 13, 2020 disaster declaration related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. Accordingly, this meeting of the Harris County Juvenile Board will be held by videoconference pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code § 551.127 as modified by the decree of the Governor of Texas temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

To All Interested Parties:

Notice is hereby given that a video conference meeting of the Harris County Juvenile Board will be held on **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.** All interested parties are invited to access this meeting at: <https://harriscounty.webex.com/harriscounty/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6b6be5a5c1c1eea8654f33c0e5d80194>– name and email will be required to register. Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the meeting should follow the registration procedures found on the last page of this agenda. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider and take action on matters brought before the Board as indicated below.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the updated Fair Defense Act Standards and Procedures for Appointment of Counsel for Juvenile Respondents. Shapiro
2. Approval of the 2021-2022 Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program Memorandum of Understanding with Harris County School Districts. Gonzales
3. Approval of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Certification for the 2021-2022 school year. Gonzales
4. Approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement with the Center for Success and Independence for Comprehensive Therapy and Treatment Services for Girls At-Risk of Human Trafficking Victimization for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department at an amount not to exceed: Gonzales/
Purchasing

\$ 569,670 previously approved funds for the term 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021
____(30,061) decrease in funds for the term 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021
\$ 539,609

5. Approval of an award on the basis of best proposals meeting requirements and execution of an agreement for Vocational Education and Certificate Programs for Youth under the Supervision of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term April 28, 2021 through September 30, 2021 with four (4) one-year renewal options with: Gonzales/
Purchasing

The Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans
Knowledge-First Career Center
Transmit Receive Labs Inc. dba TRRX Labs
WorkTexas Training Center

6. Discussion on the Education Services Division's budget. Gonzales

IV. STATUS REPORTS

1. Agency Overview: Gonzales
Charter School and JJAEP Updates
Residential Services
Detention Psychiatric Unit
Executive Report
Recent Updates/Changes

2. Litigation and Legal Update Ramsey/
Bangs/
Berzins

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS



Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

SEAL

The Juvenile Board may take action on any item listed on this agenda. The Juvenile Board may announce that it will go into executive session on any item listed on this agenda if the subject matter is permitted by law for a closed session. The agenda is available online at <https://hcjpd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/Juvenile-Board.aspx>. The open portions of this meeting will be recorded and made available to the public upon request.

For those persons requiring special accommodations or to sign up to comment on an agenda item, please contact Pamela Ramirez at Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net or 713-222-4812 at the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department at least 24 hours in advance.

REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: In accordance with the Governor's suspension of certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, members of the public wishing to address the Board during the meeting should email Pamela Ramirez at Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net at least 24 hours in advance and provide their full name, phone number, and identify the agenda item they wish to speak on. You will be placed in a queue and will receive a phone call on the day of the meeting when it is your time to speak. Members of the public may also submit public comments to the board via e-mail at Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net.