

JUVENILE BOARD MEETING  
**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2020 12:00 P.M.**  
JUDGE LINA HIDALGO, CHAIR

**FIRST AGENDA**

JUDGES: Danilo Lacayo Natalia Oakes  
Julia Maldonado Richard Vara  
Leah Shapiro Tanya Garrison  
Michelle Moore

STAFF: Henry Gonzales  
Executive Director

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, on September 17, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-30 which, among other things, directs that all persons not otherwise excepted by the order should not be in groups larger than ten and should maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group. 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, November 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.** All interested parties are invited to access this meeting at: <https://harriscounty.webex.com/harriscounty/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef2c33ef38755c5d0fb464f8cbbe1fe08> – 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. Appointment of Facility Administrator for the Harris County Leadership Academy. Gonzales
2. Approval of the 2021 Juvenile Board meeting schedule. Gonzales
3. Approval of Excel Academy Charter School's financial management report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Gonzales
4. Acceptance of Excel Academy Charter School's English as a Second Language (ESL) Evaluation Report for the 2019-2020 school year. Gonzales
5. Authorization for the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to study COVID-related patterns in juvenile justice facilities. Gonzales
6. Approval of an exemption from the competitive bid requirements and execution of an agreement with Melton & Melton, LLP for Audit Accounting Services for the Gonzales/  
Purchasing

Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term November 11, 2020 through March 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$114,000.

#### 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



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Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

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*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.harriscountytx.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net).