

JUVENILE BOARD MEETING
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 June 26, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-28 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, September 2, 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=e14232ff5847b5348d7add1a7ae61452b> – 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. Discussion and possible action regarding the provision of instruction at the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program and the Excel Academy Charter School for the 2020-2021 school year. Gonzales
2. Authorization for Excel Academy Charter School to submit a synchronous attestation to the Texas Education Agency for the 2020-2021 school year. Gonzales
3. Approval for the Excel Academy Charter School to apply for and submit a required waiver to extend the transition window for in-person instruction for an additional four weeks for the 2020-2021 school year. Gonzales
4. Approval for the Excel Academy Charter School to apply for and submit a waiver of 19 TAC 100.1033(b)(6) Relocation Amendment for the Youth Village campus temporarily relocating to the Burnett-Bayland Reception Center. Gonzales
5. Approval of the Harris County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program's Policy and Procedures Manual including the Student Manual for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Gonzales

6. Approval of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Certification for the 2020-2021 school year. Gonzales
7. Approval of the Education Transition Center's Student Handbook for the remainder of the 2020- 2021 school year. Gonzales
8. Authorization for the Harris County Juvenile Board to execute a Business Associates Agreement with Educational Results Partnership for the consultation and technical support services required to implement an Equity Intelligence Platform that will share information between various governmental bodies to improve interventions and programs for at-risk and court-involved youth. Gonzales
9. Approval of State Budget for FY20-21 including salary schedules and positions change requests. Gonzales
10. Approval of an award on the basis of only proposal meeting requirements and an agreement with Gramercy Specialty Clinic for In-Home Counseling Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term through August 31, 2021 with four (4) one-year renewal options. Gonzales/
Purchasing
11. Approval of the first of four (4) renewal options with Sentinel Offender Services, LLC for Electronic Monitoring Equipment and Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Gonzales/
Purchasing
12. Approval of a sole source exemption from the competitive bid requirements pursuant to Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(7) and the first of four (4) renewal options with FFT LLC for Family Functional Therapy Training, Site Certification, Implementation and Technical Assistance for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 01, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$78,695. Gonzales/
Purchasing
13. Approval of the second of four (4) renewal options with the HARRIS CENTER for Mental Health and IDD for Psychological Screening Services for the term September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$124,557. Gonzales/
Purchasing
14. Approval of the first of four (4) renewal options with the HARRIS CENTER for Mental Health and IDD for Psychiatric and Medication Management Services for Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$558,700. Gonzales/
Purchasing
15. Approval of a public health or safety exemption from the competitive bid requirements pursuant to Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(2) and the first of four (4) renewal options with The Refuge for DMST for Non-Secure Residential Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$294,163. Gonzales/
Purchasing
16. Approval of an agreement with The City of Houston's Department of Neighborhoods, Mayor's Anti-Gang Office for Five (5) Youth Counselors to Provide Gang Intervention, Education, Case Management, and other Services to Youth Under the Supervision of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department upon final execution of agreement through February 28, 2021 with four (4) one-year renewal options at an amount not to exceed \$42,000. Gonzales/
Purchasing
17. Approval of the third of four (4) renewal options with Victoria County Juvenile Board for Secure Long-Term Residential Services of Juvenile Offenders for the Harris Gonzales/
Purchasing

County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

18. Approval of the third of four (4) renewal options with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. for the Juvenile Tracking Program for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Gonzales/
Purchasing
19. Approval of an agreement with Region 4 Education Service Center for Texas Student Data System Public Education Information Management System (TSDS PEIMS) Support Services at the Excel Academy Charter School for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$4,575. Gonzales/
Purchasing
20. Approval of the first of four (4) renewal options for Non-Secure Residential Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$800,000 collectively for all vendors with: Gonzales/
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Center for Success and Independence
Mingus Mountain Estate Residential Center, Inc.
Pegasus Schools, Inc.
Sequel TSI of Idaho, dba Mountain Home Academy
Woodward Youth Corporation, dba Woodward Academy

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/
Risner

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Assata Richards, *Coordinator for the Redefining Harris County Youth Justice Coalition*



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.