

*** * * Notice of Public Meeting * * ***
The Juvenile Board of Denton County, Texas
Location: Via Zoom
Date and Time of Meeting: January 22, 2021, at noon

THE JUVENILE BOARD OF DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS (the Board), will be convened by a quorum of its members via Zoom at the date and time indicated above; and then and there will conduct a public meeting to consider such matters as may be properly brought before the Board and may conduct business in an Executive Session (if any) as set forth below.

Effective March 16, 2020, in an effort to reduce the assembly of large groups of persons, Texas Governor Abbott signed an Order suspending certain Open Meeting rules to allow telephone or videoconference meetings of governmental bodies if those meetings are accessible to the public. This Order temporarily removes the requirement that the governmental officials and the public be physically present at an open meeting location.

Persons with disabilities who plan to virtually attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print are requested to contact the Denton County Juvenile Probation Department at 940-349-2400 two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Open Meetings Provisions:

If you would like watch and listen to the meeting of the Denton County Juvenile Board, you may do so on the YouTube channel for Denton County Court at Law Number One, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaodgPW4v7y40orFx1r93g>.

If you would like to provide public comments to the Denton County Juvenile Board during the meeting, you may do so verbally or in writing.

To present a verbal comment during the meeting, call 940-349-2108.

To present a written comment, email Gale.Joseph@dentoncounty.gov and reference "Juvenile Board Meeting."

If these options do not afford you the access you desire, please contact us so that we may attempt to accommodate you. You may reach out via phone at 940-349-2108; via email at Gale.Joseph@dentoncounty.gov; or via mail to the Juvenile Board Chairman, 210 South Woodrow Lane, Denton, Texas 76205.

A. OPEN MEETING

1. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes per person, 9 minutes for each side of an issue).
2. Approve Minutes from the December 11, 2020, meeting.
3. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION** -- Pursuant to State Open Meetings Law, the Juvenile Board is restricted to taking action on items posted on the Agenda. Action pertaining to reports and information presented may be set on future agendas for future meetings.

Dave Lenington shall report on changes to the Policies and Procedures that do not require Board action.

4. **ISSUE:** Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the certification of the Juvenile Detention Pre-Adjudication and Post-Adjudication facilities as being suitable or unsuitable for the confinement of children.
REQUESTED BY: Kimberly McCary

BACKGROUND: Family Code Sections 51.12(c) and 51.125(b) require each Juvenile Court Judge and a majority of the Juvenile Board to personally inspect all pre-adjudication and post-adjudication secure detention facilities that are located in the county at least annually...and certify in writing...that the facilities are suitable or unsuitable for the confinement of children.

5. **ISSUE:** Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the suitability of the quarters and facilities of the juvenile court and make recommendations for their improvement.
REQUESTED BY: Kimberly McCary

BACKGROUND: Family Code Section 51.05(b) provides that the Juvenile Court and the Juvenile Board shall report annually to the Commissioners Court on the suitability of the quarters and facilities of the Juvenile Court and may make recommendations for their improvement.

6. **ISSUE:** Set next meeting of the Denton County Juvenile Board.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED MEETING: Personnel Matters.

The Board shall discuss the hiring of the Director of Denton County Juvenile Probation.

BACKGROUND: State law provides that the Juvenile Board shall employ a chief probation officer and that the process for doing so need not be conducted in an open meeting.

Human Resources Code Sec. 152.0007. DUTIES. (a) The juvenile board shall:

(1) establish a juvenile probation department and employ a chief probation officer who meets the standards set by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department; and...

Added by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 352, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989. Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 262, Sec. 73, eff. Jan. 1, 1996; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1297, Sec. 64, eff. Sept. 1, 2001. Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 85 (S.B. 653), Sec. 3.016, eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 734 (H.B. 1549), Sec. 126, eff. September 1, 2015.

Government Code Sec. 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING. (a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting:


(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

D. ADJOURNMENT

Approved for Posting:


1/8/2021

Kimberly McCary, Judge, County Court at Law No. 1