

Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 23-9105

Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 23-007

Order Appointing Members to the Judicial Commission on Mental Health

The Supreme Court of Texas and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals created the Judicial Commission on Mental Health on February 18, 2018. The Commission's mission is to improve outcomes for individuals with mental illness, substance use disorders, or intellectual and developmental disabilities in their encounters with the justice system.

The following members are hereby appointed to the Judicial Commission on Mental Health for a term of three years, effective January 1, 2024:

Magdalena Morales-Aina
Director of El Paso County Community Supervision and Corrections Department
El Paso, Texas

Dr. M. Connie Almeida
Director of Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services
Richmond, Texas

Hon. Devon Anderson
Chief Executive Officer and President, Justice Forward
Houston, Texas

Hon. Bill Boyce
Former Justice, 14th Court of Appeals
Partner, Alexander Dubose & Jefferson
Houston, Texas

Hon. Nelda Cacciotti
Acting Chief, Mental Health Division,
Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Fort Worth, Texas

Hon. Camile G. DuBose
Judge, 38th Judicial District Court
Uvalde, Texas

Alyse Ferguson
Of Counsel, Rosenthal Kalabus & Therrian
McKinney, Texas

Hon. Cynthia Porter Gore
Judge, Allen Municipal Court
Allen, Texas

Dr. Courtney Harvey
Associate Commissioner, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Austin, Texas

Hon. Matt Hand
Judge, Potter County Court at Law No. 2
Amarillo, Texas

Hon. Bonnie Hellums
Retired Judge, 247th Judicial District Court
Houston, Texas

Hon. David W. Jahn
Judge, Denton County Probate Court No. 1
Denton, Texas

Hon. Oscar J. Kazen
Judge, Bexar County Probate Court No.1
San Antonio, Texas

Adrienne Kennedy
Past President, NAMI National
Austin, Texas

Hon. M. Sue Kurita
Judge, El Paso County Court at Law No. 6
El Paso, Texas

Beth Lawson
Chief Executive Officer, StarCare Specialty Health System
Lubbock, Texas

Chief Mike Lee
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Houston, Texas

Hon. Elizabeth Byer Leonard
Judge, 238th Judicial District Court
Midland, Texas

Hon. Pamela H. Liston
Magistrate Judge
Senior Attorney, Messer Fort P.L.L.C.
Frisco, Texas

Hon. Stacey Mathews
Judge, 277th Judicial District Court
Georgetown, Texas

Hon. Tyra Jones McCollum
Judge, Fort Bend County Court at Law No. 2
Richmond, Texas

Beth Mitchell
Litigation Coordinator, Disability Rights Texas
Austin, Texas

Hon. Brandy Mueller
Judge, 403rd Criminal District Court
Austin, Texas

Hon. Roxanne Nelson
Justice of the Peace, Burnet County Precinct 1
Burnet, Texas

Denise Oncken
Mental Health Bureau Chief, Harris County District Attorney's Office
Houston, Texas

Hon. Larry Phillips
Judge, 59th Judicial District Court
Sherman, Texas

Lee Pierson
Chief, Mental Health Division, Dallas County District Attorney's Office
Dallas, Texas

Vickie A. Rice
Mental Health/Specialty Court Supervisor, Public Defender's Office
Dallas, Texas

Andrea Richardson
Executive Director, Bluebonnet Trails Community Services
Round Rock, Texas

Hon. Renee Rodriguez-Betancourt
Judge, 449th Judicial District Court
Edinburg, Texas

Brian Shannon
Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law
Lubbock, Texas

Eric Smith
Mental Health Advocate
San Antonio, Texas

Matt Smith
Assistant Executive Director and Director of Mental Health Services,
Williamson County Juvenile Services
Georgetown, Texas

Hon. Selena Solis
Judge, 243rd Judicial District Court
El Paso, Texas

Chief Stan Standridge
Chief, San Marcos Police Department
San Marcos, Texas

Hon. Charles A. Stephens
Judge, Comal County Court at Law No. 2
New Braunfels, Texas

Stephen G. Wohleb
Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Texas Hospital Association
Austin, Texas

Hon. J.R. Woolley
Justice of the Peace, Waller County Precinct 2
Waller, Texas

Hon. Cynthia Wheless
Judge, 417th Judicial District Court
McKinney, Texas

Hon. Victor Villarreal
Judge, Webb County Court at Law No. 2
Laredo, Texas

Wayne Young
Chief Executive Officer, The Harris Center
Houston, Texas

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The following organizational members are appointed to the Commission, listed with their current representatives:

Sonja Gaines
Deputy Executive Commissioner for Intellectual and Developmental Disability and Behavioral Health Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Austin, Texas

Scott Schalchlin
Deputy Executive Commissioner for the Health and Specialty Care System, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Austin, Texas

Shandra Carter
Executive Director, Texas Juvenile Justice Department
Austin, Texas

April Zamora
Director, Reentry and Integration Division / Texas Correctional Office on Offenders With Medical or Mental Impairments, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Austin, Texas

Dr. Blake R. Harris
Director of Veterans Mental Health Department, Texas Veterans Commission
Austin, Texas

Julie Wayman
Mental/Behavioral Health Director, Texas Education Agency
Austin, Texas

Brandon Wood
Executive Director, Texas Commission on Jail Standards
Austin, Texas

Dr. Octavio Martinez, Jr.
Executive Director, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
Austin, Texas

Dr. Andy Keller
President and Chief Executive Officer, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute
Dallas, Texas

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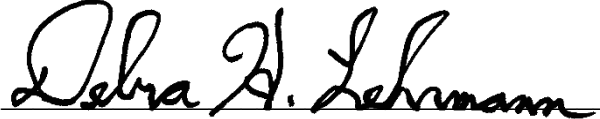
The Honorable Jane Bland, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, and the Honorable Barbara Hervey, Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, shall serve as Chairs of the Commission. The Honorable Bill Boyce shall serve as Vice Chair.

Ex-officio members appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker continue to serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

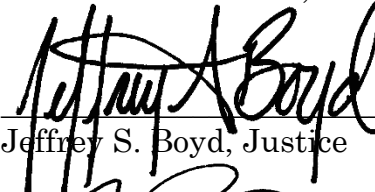
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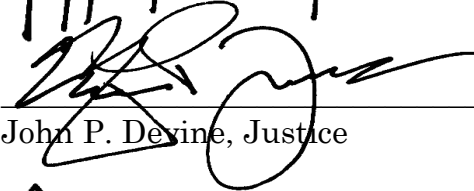
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



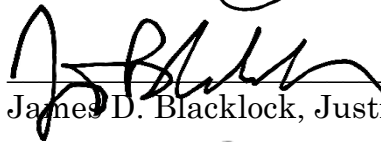
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



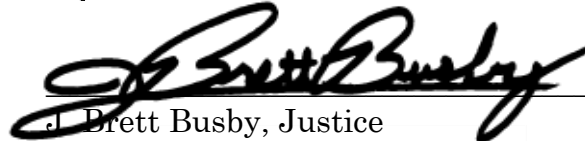
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



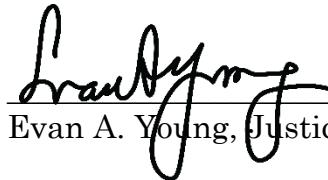
J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice




Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice

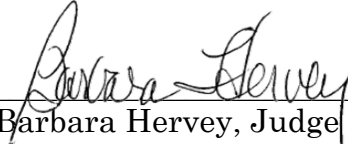


Evan A. Young, Justice

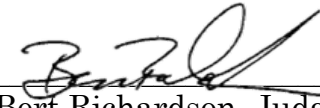
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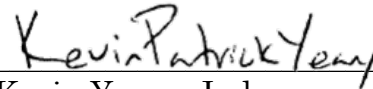
Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge




Barbara Hervey, Judge



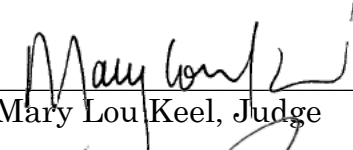
Bert Richardson, Judge



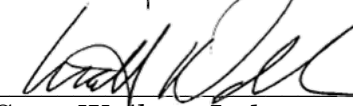
Kevin Yeary, Judge



David Newell, Judge



Mary Lou Keel, Judge



Scott Walker, Judge



Michelle Slaughter, Judge



Jesse F. McClure, III, Judge