

**MINUTES OF THE  
JUVENILE BOARD MEETING**

**March 24, 2021**

The Harris County Juvenile Board met on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, via videoconference, with Judge Hidalgo presiding. The meeting convened at 12:06 P.M. with a quorum being present.

**JUDGES:** BATES, GARRISON, MALDONADO, MOORE, OAKES, & SHAPIRO.

**STAFF:** Henry Gonzales, Dr. Diana Quintana, Bianca Malveaux, Dr. Olivia McGill, Dr. Matthew Shelton, Edward Baldazo, Janie Moreno, Jo Ann Hernandez, Julie Pruitt, Marilyn Webb, Pamela Ramirez, Randy McGlorie, Ross Kimble, Sherida Barnes, Steve Willing, & Susan Orendac

**OTHERS:** Aresha Dawwa, DeWight Dopslauf, Geoffrey Hutson, John Jordan, Ky McDowell, Selena Garcia Palacios, & Tommy Ramsey

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Judge Garrison and seconded by Judge Moore to approve the minutes of February 24, 2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of the 1.2% COLA salary increase for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department's Executive Director.

Gonzales: Stated that approval is needed by the Juvenile Board.

2. Adoption of 2021 summer program calendars and budget for the Excel Academy Charter School.

Gonzales: Stated that it will include 15 school days.

3. Adoption of the student academic and school staff work year calendars for the 2021-2022 school year for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program and Excel Academy Charter School, and approval to submit the required applications for general staff development and early release waivers to the Texas Education Agency and Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

Gonzales: Stated that the schedule mimics the Houston Independent School District's schedule.

4. Approval of the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program Annual Performance and Management Review.

Gonzales: Provided a brief overview of the review.

5. Approval to submit the required applications for missed school day waivers to the Texas Education Agency and Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

Gonzales: Stated that two days will be waived due to severe weather.

6. Approval of the fourth and final renewal with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for Physician Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 at an amount not to exceed \$222,129.

Gonzales: Stated that this provides medical care for the youth in facilities.

7. Approval of a Settlement Agreement with Project Matters for Vocational Instruction Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for services rendered from July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 at an amount not to exceed \$4,750.

Gonzales: Provided a brief overview of services provided by Project Matters and shared that a workforce development person has been hired internally.

8. Approval of the Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Summit Food Service, LLC for Food Services Management Company for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department at an amount not to exceed:

\$	81,000	additional funds
	2,500,001	previously approved funds for the term 7/1/2019 or until a new agreement is in place
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\$	2,581,001	

Gonzales: Stated that this is due to a price increase as a result of a reduction in our population.

9. Authorization to reject proposal(s) received for Supplemental Non-Secure Residential Services for Victims of Human Trafficking for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department on January 11, 2021.

Gonzales: Shared that there was only one applicant and that an Request for Proposal will go out again.

10. Approval of the second of four (4) renewal options with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for Adolescent Subacute Psychiatric Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation for the term through February 28, 2022 at an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

11. Approval of the first of four (4) renewal options with the HARRIS CENTER for Mental Health IDD for Multi-Systemic Therapy Teams for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term through February 28, 2022 at an amount not to exceed \$698,064.

12. Approval of a Settlement Agreement with Myrna Wallace d.b.a. TransLingua Spanish Communications for Licensed Judiciary Interpreter Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for services provided from January 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020 at an amount not to exceed \$1,050.
13. Approval of the first of four (4) renewal options with the Alley Theatre for Performance Art and Spoken Word Development Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 at an amount not to exceed \$67,670.

**MOTION** made by Judge Shapiro and seconded by Judge Garrison to approve items 1-13. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS

1. Agency Overview:

Gonzales: Provided an update on the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) and the Excel Academy charter school. Briefly shared information on the staff movements at the JJAEP. Provided an update on the Detention population and the post adjudication facilities. Reviewed the aggravated offenses report.

Dr. Shelton: Shared that youth are wearing new clothing and that the department purchased a new laser printer for youth to design their own t-shirts.

Dr. McGill: Provided an update on the youth currently placed at the Harris County Psychiatric Center (HCPC). Stated that female youth are now being served.

Willing: Shared that Opportunity Based Program (OBP) has been implemented at a community unit. Provided a brief description of OBP.

Gonzales: Briefly discussed the continual work being done with the Texas Policy Lab.

Quintana: Provided an update on the new HCJPD website. Previewed the website and highlighted a few sections.

Hidalgo: Provided some suggestions for the website including making the dashboard downloadable, defining key terms for general public (i.e. referrals), collecting ethnicity data versus only race, and updating the department name.

Bates: Provided positive feedback on the new website.

2. Litigation and Legal Update:

Ramsey: Stated that there are no updates.

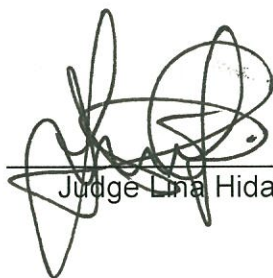
**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There being no further items to come before the board, Judge Hidalgo adjourned the meeting at 12:46 P.M.



Judge Leah Shapiro, Secretary

Approved:



Judge Lina Hidalgo, Chair