



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Texas's Two Highest Courts Announce Members for Judicial Commission on Mental Health

Texas's two high courts have appointed 31 members to lead the [newly established Judicial Commission on Mental Health](#). The commission, the first body jointly created by the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, will examine best practices in the administration of civil and criminal justice for persons with mental illness.

In February, the Courts issued a joint order to establish the commission following the [January 11, 2018 hearing](#) where mental health professionals, judges and law enforcement officers attested to the need for a permanent judicial body on mental health.

The first meeting of the newly-appointed commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 in Austin. The meeting will be webcast and later archived at [TexasBarCLE.com](#).

The new commissioners will serve through August 2020.

Hon. Brent Carr, Fort Worth
Camille Cain, Austin
Terry Crocker, Edinburg
Jerry Davis, Austin
Hon. Francisco Dominguez, El Paso
Hon. Camile DuBose, Hondo
Dr. Tony Fabelo, Austin
Sonja Gaines, Austin
Hon. Ernie Glenn, San Antonio
Hon. Sid Harle, San Antonio
Dr. Andrew Keller, Dallas
Adrienne Kennedy, Austin
Hon. M. Sue Kurita, El Paso
Beth Ann Lawson, Lubbock
Major Mike Lee, Houston
Chief James McLaughlin, Jr. (ret.), Elgin

Mike Maples, Austin
Dr. Octavio Martinez, Austin
Hon. Stacey Matthews, Round Rock
Beth Mitchell, Austin
Tom Mitchell, Houston
Hon. Roxanne Nelson, Marble Falls
Hon. Robert Newsom, Sulphur Springs
Hon. Harriet O'Neill (ret.), Austin
Denise Oncken, Houston
Dr. William B. Schnapp, Houston
Dr. Brian Shannon, Lubbock
Reginald Smith, Austin
Hon. Polly Jackson Spencer (ret.), San Antonio
Hon. Cynthia Wheless, Plano

Justice Jeff Brown, Supreme Court of Texas, and Judge Barbara Hervey, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, will serve as the initial co-chairs of the Commission. Fourteenth Court of Appeals Justice Bill Boyce, will serve as the initial vice chair.

The governor has been invited to designate a person to serve as an ex-officio member of the Commission. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house have also been invited to designate a member from the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives, respectively, to serve as ex-officio members of the Commission.

The signed order can be found at TexasJCMH.gov.

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