

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

**Misc. Docket No. 20-9010**

## **ORDER ESTABLISHING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TEXAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**ORDERED** that:

An Executive Committee for the Texas Access to Justice Commission (the “Commission”) is created effective immediately.

The Executive Committee shall implement the Commission’s strategic plans, policies, and decisions and engage in decision making between Commission meetings or in urgent circumstances.

The Executive Committee is responsible for implementing the will of the Commission, with an appropriate level of input from the Commission before decisions are made, appropriate representation of the discourse to the Commission, and voting by the Commission where appropriate. Appropriateness is to be defined by the Executive Committee, with the ability of the Commission to refine this definition over time.

The Executive Committee shall:

- Meet and confer as the Committee deems appropriate with the Executive Director and her/his designated staff on behalf of the Commission to provide support and counsel on executive decisions.
- Establish and sunset committees and studies and articulate their charges.
- Perform an assessment of committees, task forces, and committee chairs at least once every three years to ensure maximum utilization of their potential and function within the organization.
- Facilitate cohesive communications, feedback loops, decision making, and alignment between the Commission, its committees, and staff.
- Act on behalf of the full Commission in an emergency.
- Direct the process of selection, supervision, and evaluation of the Executive Director. Executive Director hiring and separation recommendations are to be approved by the Commission.
- Oversee and present an annual performance review of the Executive Director to the Commission.

- Assist the Chair and Executive Director in establishing agendas for Commission meetings with input from the full Commission.
- Monitor and evaluate progress toward strategic goals and initiatives and provide counsel to the Executive Director regarding the same, to include timely presentations to the full Commission.
- Oversee implementation of the Commission's policies and ensure that appropriate governance systems are established and maintained.

The following Commissioners are appointed to the Executive Committee of the Texas Access to Justice Commission, effective immediately and shall serve until May 31, 2022 or until his or her term on the Commission expires, whichever occurs sooner:

Harry M. Reasoner  
Houston, Texas  
Chair

Alistair Dawson  
Houston, Texas

Luz Herrera  
Fort Worth, Texas

Roland K. Johnson  
Fort Worth, Texas

Hon. Joe Lopez  
49<sup>th</sup> District Court  
Laredo, Texas

Michael C. Massengale  
Houston, Texas

Harriet Miers  
Dallas, Texas

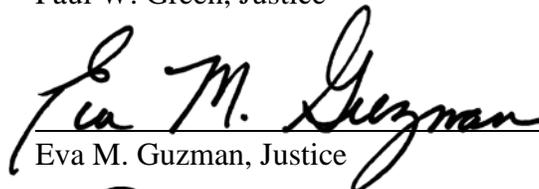
Signed this 7th day of February, 2020.



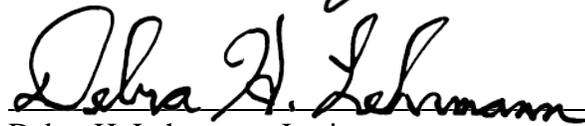
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



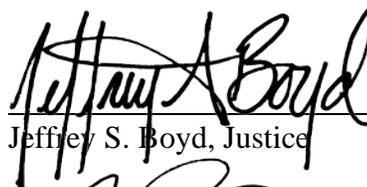
Paul W. Green, Justice



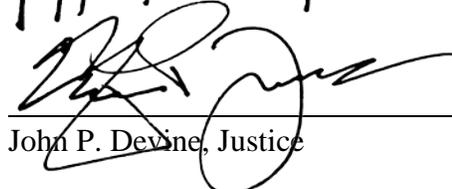
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice