



**TEXAS BOARD  
OF  
PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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## **BOARD POLICY**

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**SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY HEARINGS – PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES**

**PURPOSE:** To establish a policy statement of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles regarding preliminary hearings for offenders with pending charges.

**AUTHORITY:** Texas Government Code Sections 508.251, 508.252, 508.281 and 508.2811  
Texas Administrative Code Title 37, Part 5, Chapter 146, Section 146.6 and 146.7.

**DISCUSSION:** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Parole Division (Parole Division) is authorized by the statute to issue warrants for offenders on parole or mandatory supervision under certain circumstances. When an offender is arrested on the warrant, a Parole Division parole officer (parole officer) provides the offender notice of the alleged violations of parole or mandatory supervision and notifies him of his right to request or waive his right to a preliminary and/or revocation hearing. If an offender requests a hearing, it is the parole officer's duty and responsibility to notify the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (Board). When the Board receives the parole officer's request to schedule a hearing, the Board shall schedule and conduct the hearing.

**POLICY:** It is the policy of the Board to schedule and conduct a preliminary hearing for an offender in custody in a Texas county jail awaiting the disposition of pending criminal charges when the parole officer submits a request to schedule a hearing.

**ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2011.**

**RISSIE OWENS, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)**

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