

Texas Board of Criminal Justice
151st Meeting



Minutes

October 14-15, 2010
Austin, Texas

TEXAS BOARD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Doubletree Hotel
6505 North IH-35
Austin, Texas 78752
Phoenix North**

**October 15, 2010
9:00 AM**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Reconvene Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ)

I. Regular Session

A. Recognitions

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Consent Items

1. Hazardous Duty Pay Authorization Requests
2. Personal Property Donations
3. Sale or Disposal of Surplus Agricultural Goods and Agricultural Personal Property
4. 150th TBCJ Meeting Minutes
5. Excused Absences

C. Report from the Presiding Officer, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) – Overview of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles Annual Report FY 2009

D. Report from the Chairman, Judicial Advisory Council (JAC) – Introduction of JAC Members

E. Report from the Executive Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)

F. Report from the Executive Director, Correctional Managed Health Care Committee (CMHCC) – Overview of Third Quarter TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report, University of Texas Medical Branch Dental Staffing, and the Third Quarter Financial Reports

G. Report from the Chairman, Advisory Committee on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (ACOOMMI)

- H. Report from the Chairman, TBCJ
 - 1. Health Care Partnering with the University of Texas Medical Branch and Texas Tech Health Science Center
 - 2. Chairman's Fitness Challenge, FY 2011
- I. Internal Audit Status Report for Fiscal Years 2009-2011
- J. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Purchases and Contracts Over \$1 Million
- K. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Annual Review of Board Policy 14.01, "Texas Department of Criminal Justice Investment Policy," and Resolution Adopting the Investment Policy
- L. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Repeal of Title 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 153
 - 1. Subchapter A, Investigations of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation in a Facility Operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice
 - 2. Subchapter B, Private Real Property Rights Preservation
- M. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed New Board Rule §156.1, Investigations of Allegations of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of an Elderly or Disabled Offender
- N. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Facilities Division Construction Project to Upgrade Electrical Distribution System Throughout Unit and Replace Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) in Textile Mill at the Huntsville Unit in Walker County, Huntsville, Texas

Adjourn TBCJ

The TBCJ may discuss and/or take action on any of the items posted on this meeting agenda. The TBCJ may also convene into Executive Session on any of these matters when attorney-client privilege is warranted.

MINUTES OF THE TEXAS BOARD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Meeting No. 151

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) convened in regular session on Thursday, October 14, 2010, adjourned into executive session at DoubleTree Hotel, Austin, Texas, at 2:55 p.m. and adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The TBCJ reconvened on Friday, October 15, 2010, at 9:07 a.m. and finally adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

TBCJ MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oliver Bell, Chairman
Tom Mechler, Vice Chairman
Leopoldo (Leo) Vasquez, III, Secretary
Eric Gambrell
Janice Harris Lord
Terrell McCombs
J. David Nelson
Carmen Villanueva-Hiles

TBCJ MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pastor C.L. Jackson

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE STAFF PRESENT:

Brad Livingston, Executive Director
Bryan Collier, Deputy Executive Director
Jeff Baldwin
Mike Bell
Melinda Bozarth
Celeste Byrne
Jackie Edwards
C. F. Hazlewood
Frank Inmon
Sherry Koenig
Lannette Linthicum, M.D.
Michelle Lyons
Angie McCown
Jerry McGinty
Susan McHenry
John Moriarty
Madeline Ortiz
Raymond Pyeatt
Ron Steffa
Rick Thaler
Jan Thornton
Kim Vernon
Dee Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kyle Mitchell, Office of the Governor; Kevin Robnett, Office of the Speaker of the House; Gerardo Interiano, Office of the Speaker of the House; Honorable Larry Gist, Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Council (JAC); William R. Turner, Brazos County District Attorney; the Honorable Carroll Wilborn, 344th District Court Judge; the Honorable Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals; Joan Buschor, JAC citizen member from Houston; Leighton Iles, Director, Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department; the Honorable Rose

Guerra Reyna, 206th District Court Judge; and the Honorable Mary Anne Bramblett, 41st District Court Judge; Rissie Owens, Presiding Officer of the Board of Pardons and Paroles; the Honorable Allen Hightower, Executive Director, Correctional Managed Health Care Committee; Debbie Roberts, Superintendent of the Windham School District; and members of the media.

Convene Texas Board of Criminal Justice

Chairman Oliver Bell convened the 151st meeting of the TBCJ on Thursday, October 14, 2010, at 2:55 p.m., noted that a quorum was present, and declared the meeting open in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, the *Open Meetings Act*. In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, he adjourned the meeting to executive session, which is closed to the public. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Reconvene Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ)

Chairman Oliver Bell reconvened the 151st meeting of the TBCJ on Friday, October 15, 2010, at 9:07 a.m., noted that a quorum was present, and declared the meeting open in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, the *Open Meetings Act*. The TBCJ conducted business from the agenda posted in the Texas Register.

Chairman Bell requested that cell phones or pagers be placed on the silent or vibrate mode.

Chairman Bell acknowledged the attendance of staff representatives Kyle Mitchell, Office of the Governor, Kevin Robnett and Geraldo Interiano, Office of the Speaker of the House.

Chairman Bell stated that the TBCJ is committed to providing the opportunity for public presentations on topics posted on the meeting agenda or public comments on topics within its jurisdiction in accordance with Board Rule 151.4, "Public Presentations and Comments to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice." He reviewed the requirements for speaker registration. As no registration cards were received prior to the required deadline, the TBCJ did not hear public presentations on posted agenda topics.

Recognitions

John Moriarty, Inspector General, recognized Joseph Buttitta as the deputy director of the Investigations Division. Mr. Buttitta expressed his gratitude to Mr. Moriarty and the board for their confidence in him. Chairman Bell congratulated Mr. Buttitta on his new position.

Rick Thaler, Director of the Correctional Institutions Division, recognized Eileen Kennedy as the regional director of Region IV. Ms. Kennedy thanked Mr. Thaler and Mr. Livingston for the opportunity to serve the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) in this new capacity. Chairman Bell welcomed Ms. Kennedy and offered the TBCJ's best wishes to her in her new position.

Frank Inmon, Director of the Facilities Division, recognized Glenn Isbell as the director of Engineering. Mr. Isbell stated it was his pleasure to work for such a fine organization. Chairman Bell congratulated Mr. Isbell on his new position.

Chairman Bell recognized the TDCJ employees who have achieved 25, 30, 35, and 40 or more years of service with the state of Texas during the months of August and September 2010. The TBCJ, along with Mr. Livingston, expressed their deepest gratitude for the continued service of these employees who represent the commitment of the TDCJ's staff. To each of these employees, the TBCJ offered congratulations and thanks for their unwavering loyalty and dedication to the citizens of Texas. As a symbol of appreciation, these individuals will receive a TBCJ certificate along with a personal letter of gratitude.

(Attachment A – Employee Names)

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action **Regarding Consent Items**

- 1. Hazardous Duty Pay Authorization Requests**
- 2. Personal Property Donations**
- 3. Sale or Disposal of Surplus Agricultural Goods and Agricultural Personal Property**
- 4. 150th TBCJ Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Excused Absences**

Chairman Bell asked if there were any amendments or objections to the proposed consent items, which includes excused absences for Pastor Jackson for the June and August 2010 meetings. Eric Gambrell stated that his firm does pro bono work for the San Antonio Food Bank and as there are personal property donations from the food bank brought before the TBCJ for approval, he would abstain from voting on the consent items. Seeing no further objections, Chairman Bell stated the consent items stand approved, noting for the record that Mr. Gambrell abstained from voting on the items.

Report from the Presiding Officer, **Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) –** **Overview of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles** **Annual Statistical Summary for FY 2010**

Rissie Owens, Presiding Officer of the BPP, presented an overview of the BPP's Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. Ms. Owens reviewed the mission of the BPP, its organizational structure, and the function of the parole panels. The types of release, mandatory supervision and discretionary mandatory supervision, were discussed. The parole review process, voting factors, and voting options were highlighted. Ms. Owens stated that the BPP considered 77,542 cases for parole in FY 2010 with 24,125 releases granted. A ten-year review of parole considerations was provided. The BPP reviewed 18,911 discretionary mandatory supervision considerations in FY 2010 with 9,407 releases granted. A ten-year review of discretionary mandatory considerations was included. Ms. Owens also discussed the actions the parole panel may take during the revocation process. Approximately 30,000 cases were reviewed during the revocation process. Just over 75% (75.81) of those cases resulted in a non-revocation decision; 24.19% of the cases

resulted in a revocation decision. Just over 12% (12.59) of the cases resulting in a revocation decision were for technical violations only, 41.29% were for technical violations and criminal law violations, and 46.12% were for only criminal law violations. Chairman Bell requested an explanation of what is considered a technical violation. Ms. Owens explained that a technical violation occurs when an offender fails to report, to attend counseling, or to be home for a home visit that is conducted by a parole officer. David Nelson asked if the hearings are conducted by the trial court rather than the BPP. Ms. Owens responded that the hearings are conducted by BPP hearing officers whose findings are forwarded to an analyst who in turn sends a findings summation to the BPP. Upon review of the findings, the BPP considers the decision to revoke the offender's parole. Mr. Nelson asked if there were hearing officers in various regions of the state who travel to the sites to obtain offender data as required. Ms. Owens responded that the BPP has 70 hearing officers who conduct hearings in the various regions throughout the state. She reviewed the executive clemency activity in addition to the review of offenders for medically recommended intensive supervision (MRIS).

Chairman Bell inquired how the reassignment of the institutional parole officers (IPO) to the BPP was working. Ms. Owens responded that the reassignment of the IPOs was working very well, noting the approximately 400 IPOs and support staff enhance better communication among the BPP, the unit staff, and the offenders. Chairman Bell further inquired if the BPP was receiving the necessary information concerning programming slots from the TDCJ staff. Ms. Owens responded the current system is working well and a great improvement over previous years. She mentioned that a collaborative report between the BPP and TDCJ identifying where the programming beds are available is due for distribution in November 2010.

Concerning the aging (55 plus years of age) offenders, Mr. Nelson asked if the BPP had criteria in place to consider for release terminally ill elderly offenders and if these factors have an impact on the BPP's parole decisions. Ms. Owens noted that the units refer MRIS offenders to the Reentry and Integration Division (RID) staff for screening, which ensures that the offenders meet the criteria in statute. The RID staff then refers eligible offenders to the BPP for MRIS consideration. She advised that age alone is not a factor in a BPP release consideration, noting a particular case where an offender committed aggravated sexual assault at the age of 88, and is currently 91.

Chairman Bell thanked Ms. Owens for her report and sharing her valuable time with the TBCJ. Ms. Owens stated it was her honor to speak before the TBCJ and thanked them for their support.

(Attachment B – BPP Annual Statistical Summary for FY 2010)

Report from the Chairman, Judicial Advisory Council (JAC) **Introduction of JAC Members**

Judge Larry Gist, Chairman of the JAC, introduced the attending JAC members (several other JAC members were not present): William R. Turner, Brazos County District Attorney; the Honorable Carroll Wilborn, 344th District Court Judge; the Honorable Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals; Joan Buschor, JAC citizen member from Houston;

Leighton Iles, Director, Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department; the Honorable Rose Guerra Reyna, 206th District Court Judge; and the Honorable Mary Anne Bramblett, 41st District Court Judge. Judge Gist stated that the JAC is available to provide advice to the director of the Community Justice Assistance Division and the TBCJ on matters pertaining to the judiciary. He thanked the TBCJ for their support and expressed the JAC's pleasure in working with the board in future endeavors. Chairman Bell presented attending JAC members with a Chairman's Coin, to thank them for their outstanding efforts in support of the TBCJ.

**Report from the Executive Director,
Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)**

Brad Livingston, TDCJ Executive Director, had no report.

**Report from the Executive Director,
Correctional Managed Health Care Committee (CMHCC)
Overview of Third Quarter TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report,
University of Texas Medical Branch Dental Staffing,
and the Third Quarter Financial Reports**

David McNutt, Chief Financial Officer for the CMHCC, provided highlights from the September 7, 2010, CHMCC meeting. He thanked Ms. Lord for her participation in the meeting. He reported that during their meeting, Dr. Lannette Linthicum, TDCJ Health Services Division Director, gave a summary of the TDCJ Health Services monitoring report for the third quarter of FY 2010. The facilities included were the Gist State Jail, Havins, Hodge, LeBlanc, Middleton, and Skyview units. Dr. Billy Horton, Director of Dental Services for the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), discussed the dental staffing of the UTMB sector facilities, dental coverage for TDCJ units in the UTMB sector, and current dental vacancies. The Third Quarter Financial Report was presented. The overall health costs through the quarter totaled \$411.7 million. This amount exceeded overall revenues earned by the university providers by \$19 million or 4.8%. UTMB's total revenue through the quarter was \$312.7 million. Their expenditures totaled \$329.4 million, resulting in a net loss of \$16.7 million. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's (TTHC) total revenue through the third quarter was \$79.9 million. Expenditures totaled \$82.2 million, resulting in a net loss of \$2.3 million.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Nelson inquired about the per diem cost per offender. Mr. McNutt responded that per diem cost through the third quarter was \$9.98 per offender. He noted that the fourth quarter's estimated per diem cost is \$9.88. Mr. Nelson commented that the fourth quarter was the first decrease in the per diem rate in a long time.

**Report from the Chairman,
Advisory Committee on Offenders with Medical
or Mental Impairments (ACOOMMI)**

John Bradley, Chairman of the ACOOMMI, had no report.

Report from the Chairman, TBCJ

1. Health Care Partnering with the University of Texas Medical Branch and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center

Chairman Bell acknowledged the TBCJ's awareness that UTMB had implemented a reduction in force of 296 TDCJ unit medical staff positions on July 21, 2010. Primarily nursing and clinical administrative staff positions were affected. The dental staff and mental health staff, physicians, physician's assistants and nurse practitioners were not part of the reduction in force. TTHSC health care did not take any type of reduction in force. In light of staff adjustments from UTMB, Chairman Bell has asked the TDCJ Health Services Division to continue monitoring health care deliveries as closely as possible. Additionally, the Health Services Division will examine the UTMB staffing model to ensure that staffing levels are being met for the necessary licensed staff available to deliver adequate and appropriate health care on the units. He advised UTMB staff to expect to have many interfaces with the Health Services staff. Chairman Bell recognized the CMHCC for its cooperative spirit in working with the Health Services Division to identify and correct any deficiencies that may occur. He noted that the CMHCC would conduct a special workshop in the near future for a discussion and explanation of strategies relating to the Legislative Appropriation Request for Correctional Managed Health Care. Chairman Bell stated that the TBCJ might conduct a Health Care Committee meeting on the same day at the same location as the next CMHCC meeting in order to exchange as much information as possible.

2. Chairman's Fitness Challenge, FY 2011

Chairman Bell stated that the fitness challenge for FY 2011 is scheduled to commence October 18, 2010. He explained the challenge will mirror the four quarters of a football game, thereby creating the Chairman's Football League. The first quarter challenge is titled "Training Camp and Preseason Games." This challenge is a four-week event where the participants' miles walked are converted into a point scoring system that is used in a football game. For this challenge, any physical activity that can be monitored by mileage equivalent can be used to earn points. Details on the other fitness challenge quarters will be provided in the future. Chairman Bell emphasized that these challenges provide a great opportunity for staff to stay active and incorporate physical activity and healthy choices in their personal lives.

Internal Audit Status Report for Fiscal Years 2009-2011

Raymond Pyeatt, Director for the Internal Audit Department, provided the following revision to the handout of the Internal Audit Status Reports for the Fiscal Years 2009-2011:

- **1014 – Correctional Institutions Division, Safe Prisons:** The draft report was released on October 11, 2010.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions or comments. There was no discussion.

(Attachment C – Internal Audit Status Reports for FY 2009-2011)

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Purchases and Contracts Over \$1 Million

Jerry McGinty, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the contracts over \$1 million for the award of five privately operated state jails. He provided a description of the process used to procure the services, including the bid, negotiation, and scoring processes. The current seven-year contracts, which are operated and managed by Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), expire in January 2011. Bids were received from CCA, Geo Group, Management and Training Corporation, and Southwest Correctional Corporation. Mr. McGinty announced that CCA was awarded all five state jail contracts (Willacy State Jail, Lindsey State Jail, Dawson State Jail, Bradshaw State Jail, and Bartlett State Jail) for a term of two years seven months with two two-year renewal options, for a possible contract total of six years and six months. Mr. McGinty expressed his satisfaction with the negotiation process, noting the per diem rate for the first two years of the contract period is below the current per diem contract rate.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions or comments. Leo Vasquez requested clarification that CCA was the current vendor at the state jails. Mr. McGinty responded that CCA is the current vendor, acknowledging that CCA would retain operation of all five facilities with the award of the new contracts. Chairman Bell noted that the amount shown on the chart in the agenda book is the base year of each contract amount. Mr. McGinty added that the contract amount is through the end of FY 2013, and the renewal options would be presented to the TBCJ for approval at that time. Mr. McCombs commented that the bids were excellent and inquired how much of a savings was realized. Mr. McGinty responded that before the bid process began staff was anticipating higher per diem rates. The achieved rates however were basically level with those of the prior contracts. He credited staff for their outstanding work negotiating with the vendors to obtain competitive prices.

Chairman Bell asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Tom Mechler made a motion that the TBCJ approve the purchases and contracts over \$1 million as presented.

Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding
Annual Review of Board Policy 14.01,
“Texas Department of Criminal Justice Investment Policy,” and
Resolution Adopting the Investment Policy

Mr. McGinty stated that under the annual review of Board Policy 14.01, “Texas Department of Criminal Justice Investment Policy,” all revisions to the policy were grammatical. The policy substantively mirrors Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. Mr. McGinty requested that the TBCJ approve the revisions to the policy and approve the resolution that adopts it.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions or comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Mr. Vasquez made a motion that the TBCJ approve the revisions to Board Policy 14.01, “Texas Department of Criminal Justice Investment Policy” and approve the resolution adopting the investment policy, as presented and that the chairman and secretary sign the resolution adopting the policy.

Mr. McCombs seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Chairman Bell recognized his wife Stacey Bell, who joined the meeting, thanking her for her support of his activities while serving on the TBCJ.

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Repeal of
Title 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 153

1. Subchapter A, Investigations of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation in a Facility Operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Melinda Bozarth, General Counsel, explained the rule was reviewed during the four-year review process to determine if the rule should be retained, revised, or repealed. During the staff’s review, the chief of staff suggested that the rule be simplified. The current rule establishes an elaborate process for the investigation of allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly or disabled offender in a facility operated by the TDCJ. In reality, TDCJ has several processes in place to investigate these allegations for all offenders, not just for the elderly or disabled. Ms. Bozarth requested the repeal of this very complicated rule in favor of adopting a new simpler rule referencing these investigations be conducted according to established TDCJ processes, for publication in the Texas Register for public comment.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions or comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Mr. Gambrell made a motion that the TBCJ approve for publication in the Texas Register the proposed repeal of Chapter 153 Subchapter A, Investigation of Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation in a Facility Operated by the TDCJ, to receive public comment, as presented.

Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

2. Subchapter B, Private Real Property Rights Preservation

Ms. Bozarth explained that during the four-year review, the deputy executive director questioned the necessity of having the rule. After careful consideration, staff recommends that this rule be repealed since the *Private Real Property Preservation Act* already details the process covered by the rule and requires the Office of the Attorney General to publish guidelines that must be followed in the event that a governmental entity takes real property that is privately owned. Ms. Bozarth advised that to her knowledge this rule has never been invoked or used by the TBCJ, noting that the TBCJ would rely on state law and the guidelines from the Office of the Attorney General should the situation ever present itself.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions or comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Carmen Villanueva-Hiles made a motion that the TBCJ approve for publication in the Texas Register the proposed repeal of Chapter 153 Subchapter B, Private Real Property Rights Preservation, to receive public comment, as presented.

Mr. McCombs seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed New Board Rule 156.1, Investigations of Allegations of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of an Elderly or Disabled Offender

Ms. Bozarth noted that the new rule 156.1, Investigations of Allegations of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of an Elderly or Disabled Offender, simplifies the process for the investigations of allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly or disabled offender received from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Ms. Bozarth noted that the rule references three directives currently in place to investigate these types of allegations. She requested that the TBCJ move forward with the proposed new rule by approving its publication in the Texas Register for public comment.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions or comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Janice Lord made a motion that the TBCJ approve for publication in the Texas Register, the proposed new Board Rule 156.1, Investigations of Allegations of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of an Elderly or Disabled Offender, to receive public comment, as presented.

Mr. Mechler seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

**Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding
Proposed Facilities Division Construction Project
to Upgrade Electrical Distribution System Throughout Unit and Replace
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) in Textile Mill at the
Huntsville Unit in Walker County, Huntsville, Texas**

Mr. Inmon noted that the proposed Facilities Division construction project to upgrade the electrical distribution system throughout the unit and replace the HVAC in the textile mill at the Huntsville Unit was discussed at the Business and Financial Operations Committee meeting on October 14, 2010. He requested that the TBCJ approve the total project amount of \$5,160,000.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions or comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Mr. McCombs made a motion that the TBCJ approve a not to exceed budget of \$5,160,000 to upgrade electrical distribution system throughout the unit and replace heating, ventilation, and air conditioning in the textile mill at the Huntsville Unit in Walker County, Huntsville, Texas, as presented.

Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Chairman Bell expressed his and his wife's gratitude to the TDCJ staff for their support since the passing of their son one year ago.

Chairman Bell thanked those attending the meeting and announced that the next meeting of the TBCJ will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin, Texas, on December 9, 2010.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the regular session, Chairman Bell adjourned the 151st meeting of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice at 10:03 p.m.

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Chairman

Secretary

**Signature on file.*

Note: Referenced attachment for the minutes is available upon request from the Office of Record, TDCJ Executive Services.