



**TEXAS BOARD
OF
PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: GANG RENOUNCEMENT AND DISASSOCIATION

PURPOSE: To establish a policy statement of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles related to gang renouncement and disassociation.

AUTHORITY: Texas Government Code Sections 508.0441, 508.045 and 508.221
Texas Administrative Code Title 37, Part 5, Chapter 145, Section 145.22

DEFINITIONS: Gang Renouncement and Disassociation – a process providing a method for an offender to renounce their membership from a Security Threat Group through the completion of various programmatic activities (*See Texas Department of Criminal Justice STG Operations Manual 1.0 Terminology and Definitions*).

Security Threat Group – a group of offenders with a well-organized structure, who routinely use violence, fear, and intimidation to further the group's prohibited activities, and who the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Correctional Institutions Division Director determines poses a threat to the physical safety and security of staff, offenders, or the public (*See Texas Department of Criminal Justice STG Operations Manual 1.0 Terminology and Definitions*).

POLICY: It is the policy of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to consider an offender's participation in any Texas Department of Criminal Justice Correctional Institutions Division (TDCJ CID) gang renouncement and disassociation program when reviewing an offender for release to parole or mandatory supervision. When TDCJ CID identifies an offender as an ex-gang member based upon the successful completion of a gang renouncement and disassociation program, the offender is no longer considered a gang member. Therefore, gang related special conditions are not appropriate for these offenders.

ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD ON THE 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2023.

DAVID GUTIÉRREZ, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)

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