

Texas Board of Criminal Justice
192nd Meeting



Minutes

June 30, 2017
Austin, Texas

TEXAS BOARD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**DoubleTree Hotel Austin – Phoenix South, Robertson Room
6505 North IH 35
Austin, Texas 78752**

**June 30, 2017
2:00 – 3:00 PM**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Convene Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ)

I. Regular Session – Phoenix South

A. Recognitions

B. Consideration of Approval of Consent Items

1. Hazardous Duty Pay Authorization Requests
2. Personal Property Donations
3. 191st TBCJ Meeting Minutes
4. Excused Absences

C. Election of Officers

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

E. Report from the Chairman, TBCJ

F. Internal Audit Status Report for Fiscal Years 2016 – 2017

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

H. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Revisions to Personnel Directive PD-31, “Discrimination in the Workplace”

I. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Amendments to Board Rules Title 37 Texas Administrative Code

1. 151.8, Advisory Committees
2. 152.51, Authorized Witnesses to the Execution of an Offender Sentenced to Death
3. 152.61, Emergency Response to Law Enforcement Agencies or Departments and Non-Agent Private Prisons or Jails
4. 159.1, Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities Eligibility Criteria

- J. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Adoption of Amendments to Board Rule Title 37 Texas Administrative Code Section 195.81, Temporary Housing Assistance Program

- K. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Land Transactions
 - 1. Request for Gas Pipeline Easement at the Ramsey Unit in Brazoria County, Rosharon, Texas
 - 2. Request to Renew Gas Pipeline Easement at the Ramsey Unit in Brazoria County, Rosharon, Texas
 - 3. Request to Amend Electrical Easement at the Scott Unit in Brazoria County, Angleton, Texas

- L. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding a Facilities Division Construction Project to Install a Fire Alarm System at the Goree Unit in Walker County, Huntsville, Texas

Recess

II. Executive Session – Robertson Room

- A. The TBCJ may convene into Executive Session.

- B. Discussion of Personnel Matters Relating to the Executive Director, the Inspector General, the Director of the Internal Audit Division, the Director of the State Counsel for Offenders, and the Prison Rape Elimination Act Ombudsman (Closed in accordance with Section 551.074, Government Code).

- C. Discussion Regarding Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Security Audits (Closed in accordance with Section 551.076, Government Code).

- D. Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers; to Receive Legal Advice on Items Posted on this Agenda; or Consultation on a Matter Where the TBCJ Seeks the Advice of its Attorney as Privileged Communications under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas (Closed in accordance with Section 551.071, Government Code).

Adjourn

The TBCJ may discuss and/or take action on any of the items posted on this meeting agenda.

**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS BOARD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Meeting No. 192**

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) convened on Friday, June 30, 2017, in regular session at 2:01 p.m. in the Phoenix South room at the DoubleTree Hotel, Austin, Texas, and adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

TBCJ MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Dale Wainwright, Chairman
Terrell McCombs, Vice Chairman
Eric Gambrell, Secretary
E.F. Mano DeAyala
Tom Fordyce
Larry Miles
Patrick O'Daniel
Derrelynn Perryman
Thomas P. Wingate

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE (TDCJ)
STAFF PRESENT:**

Bryan Collier, Executive Director
Oscar Mendoza, Deputy Executive Director
Jeff Baldwin
Rudolph Brothers
Christopher Cirrito
Jason Clark
Lorie Davis
Marie Freeland
Patty Garcia
Cody Ginsel
Sharon Howell
Frank Inmon
Sherry Koenig
Bobby Lumpkin
Jerry McGinty
Madeline Ortiz
Kelvin Scott
Ron Steffa
Pam Thielke
Bruce Toney
Carey Welebob
April Zamora

OTHERS PRESENT:

Honorable Judge Dale Spurgin, Jones County; David Gutierrez, Presiding Officer, Board of Pardons and Paroles; and Preston Streufert, Governor Abbott's office.

Convene the Texas Board of Criminal Justice

Chairman Dale Wainwright convened the 192nd meeting of the TBCJ on Friday, June 30, 2017, at 2:01 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*. He stated the TBCJ would be conducting business from the agenda posted in the *Texas Register*.

Chairman Wainwright stated that the TBCJ is committed to providing the opportunity for public presentations on posted agenda topics as well as public comments on issues within its jurisdiction as provided in accordance with Board Rule 151.4, "Public Presentations and Comments to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice." One speaker registration card was received by staff prior to the deadline. The presentation will be heard later in the meeting.

Recognitions

Chairman Wainwright recognized Governor Abbott's appointments of new board members. He congratulated Pastor Larry Miles on his reappointment. Chairman Wainwright commended Pastor Miles for his work with TDCJ and WSD staff to enhance agency operations, and his skillful leadership.

Chairman Wainwright introduced two new members. E.F. "Mano" DeAyala from Houston replaced Leo Vasquez, whose term expired. Mr. DeAyala's law practice consists primarily of complex commercial litigation, dispute resolution, and contract negotiation. He has achieved the highest possible peer rating, AV Pre-eminent, by *Martindale-Hubbell*, for his business litigation practice. He has been named one of the top Texas business litigators by *Texas Super Lawyers* every year since 2011. He has also been recognized by Best Lawyers in Houston, *H Texas Magazine* and *Best Lawyers in America*. He is a Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation and Texas Bar Foundation. Patrick O'Daniel of Austin replaced Judge Larry Gist, whose term also expired. Mr. O'Daniel is a partner at the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP and an adjunct professor at the University of Texas School of Law, as well as a certified public accountant. He clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. He is former president of Catholic Charities of Central Texas and general counsel for Texas Review of Law and Politics. He is a member of the American Bar Association, National Association of Board Lawyers, and Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

E.F. "Mano" DeAyala thanked Chairman Wainwright and relayed his excitement to serve on the TBCJ.

Patrick O'Daniel stated if he could be half the board member that his friend Greg Coleman was then he would consider it a very successful term.

Chairman Wainwright recognized Judge Larry Gist for his valuable contributions and leadership while serving on the TBCJ and outlined his remarkable career. Judge Gist will long be remembered for his integrity, charisma, and a steadfast passion for criminal justice.

Judge Gist thanked Chairman Wainwright and welcomed the new board members. He stated serving on the TBCJ has been one of the best experiences of his life. He expressed appreciation for the members he served with and spoke highly of the individuals from TDCJ that he worked with. Judge Gist stated he will continue to serve the state of Texas in his own way.

Chairman Wainwright recognized Leo Vasquez for serving the TBCJ with distinction and commitment, and his noteworthy accomplishments. He will be remembered for his commitment, profound intellect, and analytical approach in addressing matters brought before the TBCJ. He will also be remembered for his witty comments and endearing personality.

Leo Vasquez thanked Chairman Wainwright for the kind words. He stated he gained invaluable perspectives and experience that relatively few Texans have the opportunity to access. Mr. Vasquez welcomed the new members and expressed gratitude for the amazing people at the TDCJ who make Texas a better place to live.

Chairman Wainwright recognized Madeline Ortiz, former TDCJ Rehabilitation Programs Division Director, and outlined her prestigious career. On behalf of the TBCJ, Chairman Wainwright thanked her for her loyalty, commitment, and dedication to serving the great state of Texas.

Bryan Collier, TDCJ Executive Director, recognized Ms. Ortiz for her hands-on role in creating every treatment program within the agency. He noted the impact Ms. Ortiz has made on so many lives through the work she has done and thanked her for all that she has accomplished and contributed to the TDCJ.

Pastor Miles also thanked Ms. Ortiz for her service and stated it has been an honor to work with her.

Mr. Collier recognized Frank Inmon, Director of the Facilities Division, for 20 years of service to the TDCJ. He highlighted his career and thanked Mr. Inmon for his loyalty.

Terrell McCombs thanked Mr. Inmon for his commitment and dedication, as his job is vital to the agency.

Chairman Wainwright recognized the TDCJ employees who have dedicated 25, 30, and 35 years of service to the state of Texas during the months of May and June 2017. During this time, 74 employees attained 25 years of service, 28 employees attained 30 years of service, and 10 employees attained 35 years of service. He stated these individuals represent the strong commitment of the TDCJ staff systemwide. On behalf of the TBCJ and Mr. Collier, he expressed deepest gratitude for the continued service of these employees.

(Attachment A – Employee Names)

Consideration of Approval of Consent Items

1. Hazardous Duty Pay Authorization Requests
2. Personal Property Donations
3. 191st TBCJ Meeting Minutes
4. Excused Absences

Chairman Wainwright asked for any amendments, abstentions, or objections to the proposed consent items. Eric Gambrell abstained from taking action due to his firm representing the San Antonio Food bank listed on the personal property donations list. Pastor Miles abstained from taking action due to his church, Trinity Fellowship Church, donating items for consideration. Patrick O'Daniel abstained from taking action due to his firm representing the Salvation Army listed on the personal property donations list. Chairman Wainwright acknowledged the abstentions and, hearing no further questions, the consent items were approved.

Election of Officers

Chairman Wainwright stated in accordance with Board Rule 151.3, Texas Board of Criminal Justice Operating Procedures, the TBCJ shall elect a vice-chairman and secretary each odd numbered year. The Governor appoints the board members and selects the chairman. The vice-chairman shall preside over meetings in the chairman's absence. The chairman or the secretary shall execute any necessary documents. He called for board member nominations for vice-chairman and secretary.

Derrelynn Perryman nominated Terrell McCombs as vice-chairman and Eric Gambrell as secretary.

Chairman Wainwright asked if there was a motion.

Larry Miles moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve the nomination of Terrell McCombs as vice-chairman and the nomination of Eric Gambrell as secretary of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

Tom Fordyce seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Report from the Executive Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Update on 85th Legislative Session

Mr. Collier presented an update on the 85th Legislative Session. In January 2017, when the house and senate budgets were introduced, both bills established funding for the majority of TDCJ operations at current levels, largely restoring the 4% reductions the agency had been required to propose in the fall of 2016. The highlights of the budget are:

- Total TDCJ funding for the 2018-2019 biennium is approximately \$6.6 billion.
- \$129 million transfer of state contributions for probation employee health insurance from TDCJ to ERS. This transfer means the TDCJ will not have to request funding for this item in the future as it will be incorporated into the ERS request.
- Closure of Ware Unit, Bartlett State Jail, Bridgeport Pre-Parole Transfer Facility and the West Texas Intermediate Sanction Facility. The state-owned Ware and Bartlett facilities will be maintained by agency staff for potential future use, if necessary. Staff from the Ware Unit have been offered positions at the neighboring Wallace Unit and other nearby facilities.
- Funding for core treatment and diversion programs was maintained at current levels, with a \$4.8 million increase to fund pretrial diversion programs.
- \$40.0 million (funded through the state's Economic Stabilization Fund) for major repair and renovation projects, a \$20.0 million decrease from 2016–2017 biennial levels.
- Capital equipment, including vehicles, agricultural, industries, and laundry/food services equipment, was funded at our current levels.
- Funding for installation of comprehensive video surveillance systems at additional units was not approved.
- TDCJ received an \$80 million supplemental appropriation for the 2016-2017 biennium to cover shortfalls in offender healthcare. Funding for offender healthcare was decreased by \$70.4 million from the 2016–2017 biennium, which included the \$80 million supplemental appropriation.

There were also several cost containment strategies in healthcare funding, to include:

- A \$60.9 million increase in funding for adding unit-based positions to expand infirmary coverage hours, increasing infirmary capacity at Telford and Jester III units, and retaining unit-based nursing staff with competitive salaries.
- UTMB Hospital Galveston's reimbursement rates are changing from the Tax Equity and Financial Responsibility Act (TEFRA) methodology to a modified Standard Dollar Amount (SDA) methodology, to include an add-on for continued Graduate Medical Education funding. Indirect administrative costs were capped at 2.75% for UTMB and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- Funding was provided that will extend discharge medication for releasing offenders from 10 to 30 days.

There are four new bills that will have a positive impact on the TDCJ and neighboring communities. The first is a bill providing the necessary statutory authority for the transfer of funding for probation employee health insurance to ERS. The second is a bill making it a misdemeanor to fly a drone directly over a correctional facility. The third is a bill requiring the TBCJ to sell a 296-acre tract of land for the purpose of widening the Oyster Creek at the Ramsey Unit that will help mitigate flooding in the area. The fourth is a bill, subject to constitutional amendment, that will allow residential homestead exemptions for the surviving spouse of a first responder, which includes many TDCJ employees.

Mr. Collier thanked Oscar Mendoza, Jerry McGinty, Jeff Baldwin, Ron Steffa, Sherry Koenig, Britteny Skains, Cherie Miller, Gina Sweeten, and Tina Rodriguez for their hard work during this session.

National Pre-Trial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week

Mr. Collier stated the week of July 16-22, 2017, is designated as National Pre-trial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week. During this week, we honor the work of community supervision officers in Texas and across the United States. The work of these officers in our communities has a significant impact on improving public safety and their efforts in helping offenders make positive changes is something we are all very proud to celebrate.

Report from the Chairman, TBCJ

Former Board Member Gregory S. Coleman Honored

Chairman Wainwright discussed an honor bestowed on a former TBCJ member in June of 2017, when Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton named the Office of Solicitor General's fellowship program after the late Gregory S. Coleman, who was tragically killed in a plane crash in 2010. The chairman enumerated Mr. Coleman's numerous contributions to the state of Texas, as well as his reputation of integrity and professionalism.

Recidivism

Chairman Wainwright discussed the reduction of recidivism as one of the most fundamental challenges in criminal justice. A study recently published by The Council of State Governments found, in Texas, the rate of people returning to prison within three years of release decreased 25 percent between 2004 and 2013. The rate of people returning to prison within three years of release dropped from 28 percent to 21 percent. That reduction is an impressive achievement because the Texas recidivism rate has long been one of the lowest if not the lowest in the nation. To achieve this success the TDCJ has worked closely with the legislature, which chose to invest in substance abuse treatment, intermediate sanction facilities, and other treatment and diversion programs. Counties have also been encouraged to create progressive sanctions for effective responses on probation. The TDCJ remains responsive to the governor, legislature, and people of Texas. Chairman Wainwright thanked everyone for the exceptional work done in this area.

Internal Audit Status Report for Fiscal Years 2016 - 2017

Christopher Cirrito, Director for the Internal Audit Division, provided the following updates to the handout of the June 20, 2017, Internal Audit Division Status Report for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 - 2017:

- **1708 – Windham School District, Application Processing:** Audit is complete.
- **1713 – Business and Finance Division, eCommDirect:** Audit has been assigned and is in background.
- **1714 – Information Technology Division Office of Incident Management, Continuity of Operations Planning:** Audit has been assigned and is in background.
- **1715 – Parole Division, Absconder Identification Follow-up:** Audit will be assigned on July 5, 2017.
- **1716 – Facilities Division, Unit Maintenance:** Audit has been assigned and is in background.

(Attachment B – Internal Audit Division Status Report, Fiscal Years 2016-2017)

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

Chairman Wainwright abstained from voting on the purchases and contracts over \$1 million due to his firm representing CoreCivic, Inc. and Harris County included in this item. Mr. Terrell McCombs facilitated the handling of this matter.

Jerry McGinty, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the purchases and contracts over \$1 million. Items 1 through 6 are increases to current contracts. Item 7 is to renew the bulk fuel contact for FY18 with a 10% variance to allow for market fluctuations. Item 8 is commissary items for FY18 with a 10% variance. Item 9 is AT&T cellular services for FY18. Item 10 is the food contract for Kegans Intermediate Sanction Facility. Item 11 is a renewal contract for natural gas for FY18-19. Items 12 through 19 are renewals to existing contracts for halfway house services. Items 20 through 24 are renewal contracts for five of the correctional centers for FY18-19. Item 25 is a renewal contract to provide treatment services for the East Texas Treatment Facility. Items 26 through 27 are renewal contracts for treatment programs at the Hamilton Unit and Lockhart facility for FY18-19. Items 28 through 48 are renewal contracts for residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs. Item 49 is a renewal of services for the cognitive intervention program at Baten Intermediate Sanction Facility for FY18-19. Items 50 through 64 are contracts for TCOOMMI mental health services for FY18-19. Item 65 is for food service items for FY18. Items 66 through 67 are contracts for operation and management of Bridgeport Correctional Center and Kyle Correctional Center for FY18-19. Items 68 through 70 are contracts for operation and management of Bradshaw State Jail, Lindsey State Jail, and Willacy State Jail for FY18-19. Items 71 and 72 are contracts for operation of state jail substance abuse programs for FY18-19. Items 73 through 82 are contracts for operation of Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF)/In-Prison Therapeutic Community (IPTC) treatment programs for FY18-19.

Mr. McCombs asked for any questions, comments, or abstentions. Eric Gambrell abstained from taking action due to his firm representing multiple companies listed. Patrick O'Daniel abstained from taking action due to his firm representing several companies listed.

Mr. McCombs acknowledged the abstentions and, hearing no further questions, he called for a motion and a second.

Derrelynn Perryman moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve the purchases and contracts over \$1 million, as presented.

Larry Miles seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Revisions to Personnel Directive PD-31, "Discrimination in the Workplace"

Sharon Howell, TDCJ General Counsel, presented PD-31, "Discrimination in the Workplace," proposed revisions. She stated revisions were made to conform the definition of discrimination to have a single standard used in all PDs; use the collective term "protected class" when referencing discrimination claims, instead of listing each federally protected class; remove reference of a report that is no longer produced; and update language for clarification.

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

Tom Fordyce moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve the revisions to PD-31, "Discrimination in the Workplace," as presented.

Derrelynn Perryman seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Amendments to Board Rules Title 37 Texas Administrative Code

1. Section 151.8, "Advisory Committees"

Ms. Howell presented the proposed amendments to Board Rule 151.8, "Advisory Committees." She explained the proposed amendments are necessary to update formatting to conform consistency in all policies and rules. Ms. Howell requested the TBCJ approve the amended rule for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Chairman Wainwright asked if there were questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Tom Wingate moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve for publication in the Texas Register, the proposed amendments to Board Rule Title 37 Texas Administrative Code section 151.8, regarding Advisory Committees, to receive public comment, as presented.

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

2. Section 152.51, “Authorized Witnesses to the Execution of an Offender Sentenced to Death”

Ms. Howell presented the proposed amendments to Board Rule 152.51, “Authorized Witnesses to the Execution of an Offender Sentenced to Death.” She explained the changes to the rule have been made to remove the definition of the term “adult” that appears in the middle of the rule since it is already defined in the first paragraph. The rest of the changes are grammatical and formatting. Ms. Howell requested the TBCJ approve the amended rule for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Chairman Wainwright asked if there were questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second.

E.F. “Mano” DeAyala moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve for publication in the Texas Register, the proposed amendments to Board Rule Title 37 Texas Administrative Code section 152.51, regarding Authorized Witnesses to the Execution of an Offender Sentenced to Death, to receive public comment, as presented.

Derrelynn Perryman seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

3. Section 152.61, “Emergency Responses to Law Enforcement Agencies or Departments and Non-Agent Private Prisons or Jails”

Ms. Howell presented the proposed amendments to Board Rule 152.61, “Emergency Responses to Law Enforcement Agencies or Departments and Non-Agent Private Prisons or Jails.” She explained the proposed amendments are necessary to update formatting to conform consistency in all policies and rules. Ms. Howell requested the TBCJ approve the amended rule for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Chairman Wainwright asked if there were questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Patrick O’Daniel moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve for publication in the Texas Register, the proposed amendments to Board Rule Title 37 Texas Administrative Code section 152.61, regarding Emergency Responses to Law Enforcement Agencies or Departments and Non-Agent Private Prisons or Jails, to receive public comment, as presented.

E.F. “Mano” DeAyala seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

4. Section 159.1, “Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities Eligibility Criteria”

Ms. Howell presented the proposed amendments to Board Rule 159.1, “Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities Eligibility Criteria.” She explained the changes to the rule are necessary to clarify offenders with an ICE detainer are not eligible to participate in a SAFFP program and to update formatting. Ms. Howell requested the TBCJ approve the amended rule for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Chairman Wainwright asked if there were questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Larry Miles moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve for publication in the Texas Register, the proposed amendments to Board Rule Title 37 Texas Administrative Code section 159.1, regarding Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities Eligibility Criteria, to receive public comment, as presented.

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

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Adoption of Amendments to Board Rule Title 37 Texas Administrative Code Section 195.81 Temporary Housing Assistance Program

Ms. Howell requested the adoption of amendments to Board Rule 195.81, “Temporary Housing Assistance Program,” as proposed and authorized at the April 6, 2017, TBCJ meeting. She explained the amendments appeared in the April 21, 2017, issue of the *Texas Register*. Thirty days passed and no public comments were received. Ms. Howell asked the board to move forward with final adoption of the rule.

Chairman Wainwright asked if there were questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Eric Gambrell moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice adopt amendments to Title 37 Texas Administrative Code Section 195.81, regarding Temporary Housing Assistance Program, as published in the Texas Register, and that the chairman sign the order to this effect.

Tom Wingate seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
Regarding Proposed Land Transactions

1. Request for Gas Pipeline Easement at the Ramsey Unit in Brazoria County, Rosharon, Texas

Bobby Lumpkin, Director of the Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Logistics Division, presented the request for a gas pipeline easement at the Ramsey Unit, Brazoria County, Rosharon, Texas. He stated Lavaca Pipe Line Company is requesting an easement consisting of a combined area of approximately 9.628 acres of land being 13,979.38 feet long by 30 feet wide for installation of one natural gas liquid pipeline. It includes a temporary workspace totaling 22.211 acres for use during pipeline construction and installation. Lavaca Pipe Line Company has agreed to pay \$640,543.00 for this easement with a 10-year term. Mr. Lumpkin recommended the TBCJ approve the request.

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

Larry Miles moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve the request for a gas pipeline easement at the Ramsey Unit in Brazoria County, in Rosharon, Texas, as presented.

Derrelynn Perryman seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Chairman Wainwright, Eric Gambrell, and Patrick O'Daniel abstained from taking action on the next two agenda items. Vice-chairman Mr. McCombs facilitated the handling of these agenda items.

2. Request to Renew Gas Pipeline Easement at the Ramsey Unit in Brazoria County, Rosharon, Texas

Mr. Lumpkin presented the request to renew gas pipeline easement at the Ramsey Unit, Brazoria County, Rosharon, Texas. He stated Houston Pipe Line Company is requesting to renew an easement at the Ramsey Unit consisting of a 0.0009 acre meter site and an area containing a two-inch pipeline extending approximately 3,884.27 feet to a CenterPoint Energy valve site for the single purpose of delivering natural gas to service the Ramsey Unit. The original easement was granted in April 2002 and renewed in 2007. Houston Pipe Line Company has agreed to pay \$16,000.00 for this easement with another 10-year term. Mr. Lumpkin recommended the TBCJ approve the request.

Mr. McCombs asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Tom Wingate moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve the request to renew gas pipeline easement at the Ramsey Unit in Brazoria County, in Rosharon, Texas, as presented.

E.F. “Mano” DeAyala seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

3. Request to Amend Electrical Easement at the Scott Unit in Brazoria County, Angleton, Texas

Mr. Lumpkin presented the request to amend electrical easement at the Scott Unit, Brazoria County, Angleton, Texas. He stated CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC is requesting to amend an existing electrical easement by adding 0.126 acre of land for the installation of a culvert at the site of an electrical switching station currently under construction. CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC has agreed to pay \$3,000.00 for this easement amendment. All other terms and provisions of this easement will remain in full force and effect. Mr. Lumpkin recommended the TBCJ approve the request.

Mr. McCombs asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second.

Derrellynn Perryman moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve the request to amend electrical easement at the Scott Unit in Brazoria County, in Rosharon, Texas, as presented.

Tom Fordyce seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Chairman Wainwright resumed facilitating the handling of the remaining agenda items.

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding a Facilities Division Construction Project to Install a Fire Alarm System at the Goree Unit in Walker County, Huntsville, Texas

Frank Inmon, Director of the Facilities Division, presented a new project for consideration requesting to install a fire alarm system at the Goree Unit located in Walker County, Huntsville, Texas. The project includes installing new control panels, annunciators, smoke detectors, horns, and other components. The new system will comply with all current codes and standards. If approved, the work will be performed by A-1 Fire and Security Equipment Company, with a total cost of \$1,685,300. Mr. Inmon recommended the TBCJ approve the request.

Chairman Wainwright asked if there were any abstentions. Patrick O’Daniel abstained from taking action due to his firm representing HDR Architecture, Inc.

Chairman Wainwright asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no further questions, he called for a motion and a second.

E.F. "Mano" DeAyala moved that the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approve a not-to-exceed budget of \$1,685,300 to install a fire alarm system at the Goree Unit located in Walker County, Huntsville, Texas, as presented.

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

Public Comments

Chairman Wainwright presented the format for receiving public comments. The one speaker, Frances Vaughn, stated she was speaking as a wife of an offender, a citizen in the freeworld, and also as an alcoholic. She expressed how important the cognitive behavioral intervention programs and the spiritual programs are for rehabilitation. She gave an example of an offender, one with numerous incarcerations, who had assaulted her husband and was paroled five months later. She stated there is a good chance this person will end up back in prison again. She stated she noticed the units in the Huntsville area have several programs available to offenders; however, the outlying areas lack the same opportunities for cognitive and spiritual programs that address the underlying issue to what brought them to prison. She asked for the TBCJ to reevaluate the way the programs are allocated throughout the system.

Chairman Wainwright thanked Ms. Vaughn for her presentation.

Chairman Wainwright thanked everyone for coming, and announced that the next meeting of the TBCJ will be Friday, August 25, 2017, at the Omni Austin Hotel in Southpark.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Wainwright adjourned the 192nd meeting of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice at 3:31 p.m.

Chairman*

Secretary*

*Signature on File