



Increasing Access to Justice for Low-Income Texans

Texas Access to Justice Commission In-Person Meeting

December 2, 2024 2pm – 6pm

Fairmont Austin, 101 Red River Street, Austin, TX 78701

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AGENDA

Welcome Members and Guests and Call to Order
Roll Call
Call for Public Comments
Consideration of Minutes from October 17, 2024
Commission Meeting

Harriet Miers
Dominga Titus
Harriet Miers

Supreme Court of Texas Liaison Comments

The Honorable Brett Busby

Chair Report
Executive Director Report

Harriet Miers
April Faith-Slaker

Strategic Planning Working Groups Status and Discussion

1. **Court Access**
2. **Rural Access**
3. **Self Help**
4. **Increasing Lawyers**
5. **Resources**
6. **Operations**

Lora Livingston & Melody Wilkinson
The Honorable Roy Ferguson
Roland Johnson
Pablo Almaguer
Harriet Miers
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Further Commission Reports

Awards Committee
Budget Committee
Law School Advisory Committee
Legislative Committee
Technology Committee
Veterans Committee

The Honorable Latosha Lewis Payne
Roland Johnson
Tom Leatherbury/Dean Brad Toben
Tom Leatherbury
The Honorable Nicholas Chu
Terry Tottenham and Gen. Valenzuela

Legal Aid Organizations Efforts/Reports

Karen Miller, Robert Doggett, Paul Furrh,
Maria Thomas-Jones, or Designees for Texas
Legal Services Center, Legal Aid of Northwest
Texas, Lone Star Legal Aid, and Rio Grande
Legal Aid

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Other Access to Justice Partnership Reports

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| 1. Office of Court Administration | Megan LaVoie |
| 2. State Bar of Texas Report | Trey Apffel |
| 3. Texas Young Lawyers Association Report | Marshall Sales |
| 4. Texas Access to Justice Foundation Report | Roland Johnson and Terry Tottenham |
| 5. Texas Bar Foundation Report | The Honorable Penny Roberts |

Executive Session

Harriet Miers

Adjourn

NOTE:

Next Commission Meeting:

January 9, 2025 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Upcoming 2025 Commission Meeting Dates

- **January meeting (virtual)** – Thursday January 9th
- **February meeting (virtual)** - Thursday Feb 13
- **May meeting (in person)** – Thursday May 1st (morning after Gala)
- **August meeting (virtual)** Thursday August 14th
- **October meeting (in person)** – TBD, based on TAJF/S.C. luncheon date
- **December meeting (virtual)** Thursday the 11th

Note:

For this meeting, the Commission's major focus will be on its Strategic Planning process, and we are hopeful all of our usual attendees will be present for the important discussions that will take place at this meeting about strategic planning. Because of the focus of the meeting, though, we are requesting that all Commission Committee Reports and the Reports of our Legal Aid Organizations and Access to Justice Partners be submitted in writing. To the extent that we have time or that anyone feels an oral report would be helpful or needed, we will be pleased to provide time for those oral reports. Thank you for your participation and cooperation and understanding.