



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: March 11, 2014

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Roger Jefferies, County Executive, JPS

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Sam Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action on filling Travis County vacancies on the Capital Area Council of Governments, Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

This action is to add three new voting members from Travis County to the CAPCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee effective March 2014. Please see attached memo.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

N/A

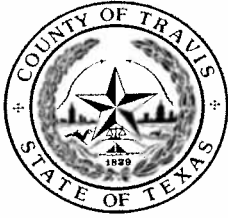
FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials should be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

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March 3, 2014

Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge
Commissioner Ron Davis, Precinct 1
Commissioner Bruce Todd, Precinct 2
Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Precinct 3
Commissioner Margaret Gomez, Precinct 4

Dear Judge Biscoe and Commissioners:

This letter is to request that the following names be nominated to fill vacancies on the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Criminal Justice Committee. This committee primarily serves to evaluate funding requests made by criminal justice entities in a ten county region. The ten counties include: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson.

There are currently three vacancies on the Criminal Justice Committee slotted for Travis County representation. We are requesting your consideration of the following:

- Replace Major Phyllis Clair with Major Darren Long of the Travis County Sheriff's Department. Major Clair is retiring.
- Replace Abraham Minjarez with Nancy L. Myers of Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC). Mr. Minjarez is no longer employed at ATCIC.
- Fill the third vacancy with Teresa Ross Leclercq as a Travis County volunteer.

Short biographies for these new nominated voting members are attached.

Sincerely,

Roger Jefferies
County Executive, Justice and Public Safety Division

Attachments:

List of Vacancies for CAPCOG Criminal Justice Committee by County
Biographies for Major Darren Long, Nancy L. Myers and Teresa Ross Leclercq

CJAC Composition by Jurisdiction	Required	Currently Serving	Delta
Bastrop County	1	1	
Blanco County	1	1	
Burnet County	1	1	
Caldwell County	1	1	
Fayette County	1	1	
Hays County	1	1	-1
Lee County	1	1	
Llano County	1	1	
Travis County	3	0	-3
Williamson County	2	2	
City of Austin	3	3	
City of Round Rock	1	1	
At-large		1	
Executive Liaison	1	1	

Major Darren Long's Biography

Major Darren Long was born in Dallas, Texas in 1962. He moved to Austin with his family in 1971 and has lived there ever since. He grew up in South Austin, attended the public school system, and graduated from William B. Travis High School. He also attended Southwest Texas State University and Austin Community College.

Major Long joined the Travis County Sheriff's Office in 1987 as a Corrections Officer in the Corrections Bureau. He worked in various jails including the old jail above the County Courthouse and Central Booking. In 1991, he transferred to the Law Enforcement Bureau and worked a number of assignments including Patrol Services, Narcotics, Major Crimes, SWAT and Environmental Crimes. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2001 and was assigned back to Patrol Services and then to the Crisis Intervention/Negotiation Team. In 2005, Darren was promoted to Captain by newly elected Sheriff Greg Hamilton and was assigned to the East Command. In 2006, he was promoted to Major and was assigned to the Administration & Support Bureau. In 2008, Major Long was appointed as the Jail Administrator. In Feb. 2014, he will take over the Law Enforcement Bureau. He is a graduate of Bill Blackwood's Law Enforcement Institute of Texas Leadership Command College (Class #54), FBI National Academy (229th Session), and of the National Institute of Corrections Jail Administrator's Course. He holds TCLEOSE Master Peace Officer, Master Jailer Proficiency, and Mental Health Officer licenses.

Darren is a devoted Christian family man, and he has been married to his lovely wife Lora for over 21 years. Darren's greatest accomplishments in life are his two daughters Carolyn and Katy. He coached both daughters' soccer teams for ten years, but now enjoys watching them compete in track and dance teams. He loves to play an occasional round of golf. Darren also served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. Darren is firmly committed to serving his community and is optimistic about the future.

Major Darren Long's Resume'

Education:

Attended public school systems in Dallas and Austin, Texas
Graduate FBI National Academy (229th Session)
Graduate L. E. M. I. T. – Leadership Command College (Class #54)
Attended Southwest Texas State University (1980 – 1982)
Attended Austin Community College (1991 – 1993)
Master Peace Officer certification TCLEOSE
Master Jailer certification TCLEOSE
Over 4000 TCLEOSE credited training hours

Employment:

Major/Jail Administrator – Corrections Bureau (Jan. 2008 – present)
Major – Administration & Support Bureau (June 2006 - Jan 2008)
Captain – Law Enforcement Bureau (Jan. 2005 – June 2006)
Sergeant – Crisis Intervention Team & Crisis Negotiation Team (April 2003 – Jan. 2005)
Sergeant – East Patrol Services/Field Training Coordinator, Field Force Team Leader (April 2003 – Oct. 2001)
Detective – Major Crimes/Homicide (Dec. 2000 – Oct. 2001)
Detective/Tactical Commander – Capital Area Narcotics Task Force (June 1999 – Dec. 2000)
Detective – Persons/Property/Environmental Crimes (March 1998 – June 1999)
SWAT – Team Leader/Instructor (Oct. 1993 – March 1998)
Patrol Officer – Field Training Officer (Jan. 1991 – Oct. 1993)
Corrections Officer – Field Training Officer (Aug. 1987 – Jan. 1991)

Previous Employment – Remodeling Contractor (1981 – 1989)

Committees/Task Forces/Professional Service:

American Jail Association – Board of Directors – Sgt. of Arms/Parliamentarian (2011 – present)
Travis Stat Jail Advisory Board (2011 – Present)
Travis County Veterans Reintegration Committee (2008 - Present)
Travis County Efficiency Committee (2008 - Present)
Community Justice Council (2008 - Present)
Travis County Grand Jury Commissioner (2008 – 2009)
Jail Overcrowding Task Force (2004 – Present)
Mayor's Mental Health Task Force (2004)
Training Advisory Board (2003 – 2005)
Capital Area DNA Committee (2001)

Professional Memberships:

Sheriff's Association of Texas (2001 – Present)
Capital Area Law Enforcement Executives Association (2005 – Present)
America Jail Association (2009 – Present)
American Corrections Association (2008 – 2010)
Texas Jail Association (2008 – Present)
FBI NA Graduates of Texas (2007 – Present)
Fraternal Order of Police (2001 – Present)
National Institute of Corrections - Dept. of Justice - Large Jail Network (2008 – Present)
Travis County Law Enforcement Officer's Association (2001 – Present & Vice President 2005)
Travis County Sheriff's Officer's Association (1991 – Present)

Texas Tactical Police Officer's Association (1993 – 1998)

Awards and Recognition:

Supervisor of the Year
Deputy of the Year
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Travis County Peace Officer of the Year
Respect for Law Award – Greater Southwest Optimist Club
2 Commendation Bars
Safe Driver Award
Education Award
Master Marksmanship Award
Master Fitness Award
9 Letters of Commendation
30+ Letters of Appreciation
Competed in Texas SWAT Olympics 5 years (Team Bronze Metal 1998)
Competed in World SWAT Olympics 1 year
USMC Meritoriously promoted 2 times
Boy Scout

Volunteer Interests & Community Service:

Coached Youth Soccer in Austin and Bastrop for 10 years
Volunteered for Girl Scouts of America
Operation Brown Santa
Member of Booster Clubs for James Bowie High School – Girls Track Team & Silver Stars Dance Team
Meal on Wheels
Habitat for Humanity
Star of Texas Rodeo
Austin's Children's Shelter
Team Sheriff – Running/Fitness Team
Judge at local schools for Science fairs
2 Deployments to Louisiana for Hurricane Relief
Reading at local Elementary Schools
Volunteered at Texas School for the Deaf
Contribute to Combined Charities out of every pay check
National Lights Out

Nancy L. Myers

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist #201328

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Qualifications Summary:

- Ability to communicate effectively with diverse cultures and socio-economic populations.
- Experience in planning, developing and implementing service programs.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Criminal Justice System in relation to forensic commitments.
- Demonstrated ability to exercise sound independent judgment.

Professional Experience:

Austin Travis County Integral Care, Austin, TX., January 2009-Present.

Program Manager, December 2012-Present.

- Plan, develop and supervise the Next Step Crisis Respite and Outpatient Competency Restoration Programs.
- Collaborate with Community Partners at the Travis County Sheriff's Department, Mental Health Court and Mental Health Public Defender's Office.
- Perform contract administration, program development, program implementation and budget management.
- Provide administrative and technical supervision to professional, para-professional and administrative staff.
- Ensure best practices and cultural competence in serving individuals living with mental health issues and co-occurring substance use disorders.

LPHA, Team Lead- Next Step Crisis Respite,
September 2012-December 2012

- Provided supervision to clinical staff.
- Maintained appropriate documentation and records.
- Provided intake, assessment and counseling services to individuals.
- Facilitated daily Treatment Team Reviews.

Community Services Assistant- Safe Haven, January 2009-September 2012.

- Attended to client needs in a 16 bed shelter for the homeless and seriously mentally ill.
- Maintained appropriate documentation and records.
- Provided crisis intervention and service linkage.
- Facilitated community meetings with staff and residents.
- Provided skills training related to daily living and coping skills.

Capital Area Mental Health Center, November 2008-September 2012

- Provided therapy for individuals, couples, families, and children.
- Performed intakes, assessments and crisis intervention.
- Designed and implemented treatment plans.
- Provided community resource linkage.
- Maintained appropriate documentation and records.

Education:

Master's Degree in Marriage, Family & Child Counseling.

Pacific Oaks College, Pasadena, CA., May 2009.

Program emphasis on **Cybernetics:** trans-disciplinary approach for exploring regulatory systems, their structures, constraints and possibilities.

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology.

The College of St. Catherine, St. Paul. MN., December 1999.

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PUBLICATIONS:

Selected Books: Guide to Legal Writing Style (Little, Brown 1995) (5th ed. Aspen Press, Jan. 2010); Expert Legal Writing (University of Texas Press 1995); **Prison Grievances** (Captive Audience Press 2013, 2014).

Websites: **www.prisongrievances.com**; Federal Judiciary Center instructional pages for Class-Action Notices. www.fjc.gov/classactionnotices ; Law School Plagiarism and Teaching Materials. www.lwionline.org/plagiarism ; www.prisongrievances.com ; www.legaleditorsink.com

Selected Articles:

“Prison Grievances: Pro and Con,” TIFA Contact Newsletter, June 2013; “The Rules of Grievances,” p.3, November 2013

“Creating the Federal Judicial Center’s New Illustrative ‘Model’ Plain Language Action Notices,” 13 Class Actions & Derivative Suits 10 (Spring 2003) (with Todd Hilsey)

“The Nuts and Bolts of Article Selection and Criteria,” 30 Stetson L. Rev. 437.

“Confusion and Conflict about Plagiarism in Law Schools and Law Practice,” Perspectives on Plagiarism and Intellectual Property in a Postmodern World, ed. Lisa Buranen & Alice Roy. State University of New York Press, 1999

“Doctrine of the Last Antecedent: The Mystifying Morass of Ambiguous Modifiers,” 2 Journal of Legal Writing, 1996

AWARDS, HONORS, SPONSORSHIPS:

Life-Time Achievement Award, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Legal Research and Writing, Washington, D.C. 2000
\$100,000 grant, class-action notices in law suits, 2001