

MINUTES OF MEETING DATE March 23, 2026

DALLAS COUNTY TIME: 5:00 p.m.
JUVENILE BOARD

PLACE: Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center
2600 Lone Star Dr.
Dallas, TX 75212

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon, Chairman
 Judge Andrea Plumlee, Vice-Chairman
 Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins
 Judge Elizabeth Frizell
 Judge Andrea Martin
 Commissioner Andy Sommerman
 Dr. Sylvia Lopez, YSAB Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judge Veretta Frazier
 Judge Sandra Jackson

I. Call to Order

Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., noting there were enough Board members and a quorum is present.

II. Approval of Minutes February 10, 2026, Meeting

Judge Andrea Martin moved, seconded by Judge Andrea Plumlee, to approve the meeting minutes from the February 10, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per individual or organization)

Commissioner John Wiley Price, District 3

IV. Discussion Item - Juvenile Department

A. Director's Updates

Mr. H. Lynn Hadnot, Executive Director for the Dallas County Juvenile Department, greeted the Board. He provided his director's report in the packet for each Board member.

Department Highlights are as follows:

- Mr. Hadnot welcomed the new Deputy of Probation Services, Mr. Jeremy Burrell, to the Department.
- The Department will be executing the internet infrastructure at the Medlock facility soon.
- Cameras will be installed at the youth Village facility in the coming months.
- The emergency power generator will be replaced soon in the Youth Village facility.
- There are A/C units issued at the Letot Residential facility, and youth were moved from the impacted area to the Letot Shelter.
- Our budget team attended the downtown workshop kickoff meeting on March 11th. Many of the initiatives and acts that are already executed align almost identically with some of the instructions that the Budget Office has given us. In terms of fiscal responsibility and being as strategic as we can to make sure we're not being wasteful and filling positions that we don't currently need. The Department is moving in that direction, so we should not have issues moving forward. The new program online, hopefully in the next couple of days, is called **(LIFT) Listening, Integrating, Functioning, and Transforming**. It is an additional effort to keep our kids closer to home.

This program is going to look at providing a very structured, supervised, and rehabilitative service for the youth. On the deeper end of the spectrum, as we continue to roll out our efforts for regionalization, we're seeing a real gap in terms of kids who do not necessarily have the aptitude for our open space or our open bay area at Medlock. There's a real opportunity for some of our kids who need a little bit more structure and single-cell supervision. This is a special opportunity for us to keep even more of the youth closer to home, where we can work with their families, because we're seeing a lot of our kids who again are going to State commitment, and then coming back to very hard situations in their communities.

- We are currently in the recruitment process for a new Superintendent for the Medlock post adjudication facilities.
- Our incentive dorm project is nearing completion. The department received a grant from the Moozie Foundation to help us move that project along. The murals are in place and look beautiful.

That concluded with the Director's report.

V. Consent Items B-M Juvenile Department

Judge Andrea Plumlee moved, seconded by Judge Andrea Martin, to approve consent agenda items B-M. The motion passed unanimously.

Recess as Juvenile Board

Judge Andrea Plumlee moved, seconded by Judge Andrea Martin, to recess as the Juvenile Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Reconvene as the Academy for Academic Excellence Charter School (AAE)

Judge Andrea Martin moved, seconded by Commissioner Andy Sommerman, to reconvene as the Academy for Academic Excellence Charter School (AAE). The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion Items - Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE) Charter School

N. AAE Charter School Update:

Mr. H Lynn Hadnot provided the AAE Charter School updates starting on page 88 in the Board packet. The updates were from the highlights of January and February. He stated the most important thing he wanted to share with the Board was that the Department was able to have the outside financial audit completed, signed, and uploaded. He thanked Director Karen Ramos, Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon, Chairman, and all the stakeholders who came together, including the auditor, to help us close that gap and get that submitted, and any potential downstream funding impacts. He then stated that the Department is working on finishing the year strongly academically and completing tasks to start strongly with action items that are on the Board's agenda today.

That concludes with the Director's updates.

VII. Consent Items O & P – (AAE) Charter School

Judge Andrea Martin moved, seconded by Judge Andrea Plumlee, to approve consent agenda items O & P. The motion passed unanimously.

Recess as Academy for Academic Excellence Charter School (AAE)

Judge Andrea Plumlee moved, seconded by Judge Andrea Martin, to recess as the Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE). The motion passed unanimously.

Reconvene as the Juvenile Board

Judge Andrea Plumlee moved, seconded by Judge Andrea Martin, to reconvene as the Juvenile Board. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Session – Juvenile Department

None

Adjourned 5:13 p.m.

Judge Andrea Plumlee moved, seconded by Judge Andrea Plumlee, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Rochelle Ashford, Administrative Clerk