

## Youth Camp Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022 | 10:00 am

Meeting Site:

Department of State Health Services  
Robert Bernstein Building Room K-100

1100 W 49th St, Austin, TX 78756

and Microsoft Office Teams

Attendees: In-P (in-person) T (Teams)

- Jeff Mantia (DSHS) In-P
- Jessica Hays (DSHS) In-P
- Sharon Munroe (DSHS) T
- Victoria Price (Cmte. Member) T
- Dan Neal (Cmte. Member) In-P
- Bob Miller (Cmte. Member) In-P
- Peter Tadin (DSHS) T
- Joe Contreras (DSHS) T
- Dr. Timothy Stevenson (DSHS) T
- Simone Vidauri (DSHS) T
- Joshua Hay (DSHS) T
- Erica Llanas (DSHS) T
- Annabele Dillard (DSHS) T
- Walquiria Sanchez (DSHS) T
- Charlotte Sullivan (DSHS) T
- Brandon Briery, PhD (Cmte. Member) In-P
- Patricia Osborn (Cmte. Member) T
- Courtney Hoffman (Public) In-P

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Minutes:

1. Mr. Jeff Mantia - Welcome and call to order.
  - Start time – 10:00 am
  - Mr. Mantia confirms a minimum of 5 committee members are present for meeting.
2. Mr. Mantia - requests a motion to approve the last meeting minutes of the Youth Camp Advisory Committee March 3, 2021 be approved as written, and the motion is passed.
3. Mr. Mantia - reviews the 2021 season, number of camps licensed, and inspected. Three camps sent to enforcement and administrative penalties were accessed.
4. Mr. Mantia – Pool rules required to be updated by House bill 2205, which adopts portions of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.
5. Mr. Mantia - Reviews common deficiencies noted by on-site inspections, and impact of COVID-19 cases at Youth Camps in 2021.

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Administrative issues were noted regarding readily available paperwork, verifying a camps' compliance of staff criminal background checks, and required youth protection training.

Guidance reviewed and available online at the DSHS Youth Camp homepage in regards to COVID-19.

### 6. Public Comment

- Dan Neal- Recommends that minor staff complete a leadership course which includes a letter of reference, as well as completing required youth protection training. This would apply possibly to all camps.
- Bob Miller- Comments that Boy Scouts of America has specific requirements for age and would not consider minors to be hired as staff.

Additional comment regarding new youth camp committee members.

- Jeff Mantia- Comments that the topic may be revisited offline but currently the Youth Camp rules do capture the assessment for hiring of all staff, including minors, which include reference checks, youth protection training, and criminal background checks as applicable.

In regards to new committee members, required trainings are not yet completed so they could not serve in an official capacity at this time.

- Brandon Briery- Thanks to department for assisting with free COVID testing for staff and campers provided through Texas Department of Emergency Management

7. Mr. Mantia- Next meeting date set to Wednesday September 21, 2022 at 10 AM, meeting place TBD.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 10:24 AM