

PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to the Rule 1, Section 16, of the Rules of the House, 80th Legislature, and Rule 11.03, of the Rules of the Senate, 80th Legislature, I, Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and I, David Dewhurst, President of the Senate, do jointly create the Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission.

The Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission is composed of the following members of the House and Senate :

John Whitmire (Co-Chair)	Jerry Madden (Co-Chair)
Chris Harris	Harold Dutton
Juan Hinojosa	Aaron Pena
Kel Seliger	Larry Phillips
Florence Shapiro	Debbie Riddle
Royce West	Sylvester Turner
Tommy Williams	Corbin Van Arsdale

The Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the operation and management of the Texas Youth Commission, including any investigation of allegations of gross financial mismanagement at the agency, sexual misconduct by agency employees or former employees, and failure of the agency to properly investigate or resolve either of these issues. The Select Committee's jurisdiction includes:

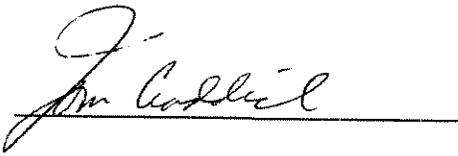
1. Investigating and recommending changes to the current fiscal management practices at the Texas Youth Commission, the current practice regarding the investigation of and resolution of sexual misconduct complaints or complaints made regarding the conduct of employees or former employees of the Texas Youth Commission, and the actions of the Texas Youth Commission related to the recent allegations regarding gross financial mismanagement at the agency, sexual misconduct by agency employees or former employees, and failure of the agency to properly investigate or resolve either of these issues;

2. Investigating and recommending changes to the current operation and management practices of the Texas Youth Commission, including the feasibility of developing new policies on sexual abuse and assault, developing new policies regarding the reporting of misconduct by agency employees or former employees, developing new policies regarding the investigation of misconduct by agency employees or former employees, implementing vulnerability assessments that identify areas and practices within the Texas Youth Commission that create opportunities for misconduct, and developing programs related to the proper training of agency employees and the retention of employees, specifically addressing the Texas Youth Commission's employee turnover rate;
3. Investigating successful operation and management practices of other similar entities in other jurisdictions; and
4. Investigating and recommending any changes to the operation and management of the Texas Youth Commission to ensure that the statutorily stated purpose of the Texas Youth Commission "to provide a program of constructive training aimed at rehabilitation and reestablishment in society of children adjudged delinquent by the courts of this state and committed to the Texas Youth Commission, and to provide active parole supervision for children until officially discharged from custody of the Texas Youth Commission" is carried out.

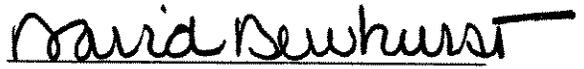
The Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission shall report its initial finding and recommendations, including drafts of legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives not later than March 31, 2007. In addition, The Joint Select Committee shall immediately report any finding of reportable misconduct to any appropriate enforcement agency. The terms of the Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission expire at the beginning of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session.

In addition to the powers and duties of a House or Senate standing committee, including the power to summon witnesses, issue process, compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission may request the assistance from executive branch agencies, including the office of the Attorney General and the Special Prosecution Unit, and the assistance from legislative branch

agencies, including the Sunset Commission, the Legislative Budget Board, the Texas Legislative Council, and the State Auditor's Office.



Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House



David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

