

TEXAS HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE, AND ANTISEMITISM ADVISORY COMMISSION

AGENDA

Barbara Jordan State Office Building
1601 Congress Avenue, Room 2.006
Austin, Texas 78711
Live & Videoconference Meeting
March 5, 2025
9:00 a.m.

This meeting of the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission has been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office according to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The members may discuss and/or take action on any of the items listed in the agenda.

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1. Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Goldberg

- 1.1 Welcome
- 1.2 Commissioner Introductions
- 1.3 Establish a quorum
- 1.4 Recognize and/or excuse absences
- 1.5 Appoint recorder

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 Regular Board Meeting – December 4, 2024

3. Public Comment

- 3.1 Members of the public may address the Commission concerning any matter within its authority. The Chair may limit the length of remarks from each individual.

4. Texas Historical Commission (THC) Update — Joseph Bell, THC Executive Director

- 4.1 Report on activities of the THC, including the THC Quarterly Meeting on January 31, 2025

5. Invited Speakers

- 5.1 Remarks from Vincent Luciano, Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director - Central Texas Region, about his work in combating and deterring hate crimes and connection to the THGAAC's mission

- 5.2 Remarks from Randy Willis, Executive Director of the Texas Association of Rural Schools (TARS), about his work and the partnership with the THGAAC to expand educational resources and connectivity
- 5.3 Remarks from Claudia Loewenstein, second-generation Holocaust speaker, about presentations for Holocaust Remembrance Week
- 5.4 Remarks from State Senator Phil King about the legislative session
- 6. Friends Report – *Steve Finkelman, Chair of Friends of the THGAAC, and Scott Kammerman, Development Manager for the Friends of the THGAAC***
 - 6.1 Report on activities of the Friends of the THGAAC, including meetings held and planned events
- 7. Chair’s Report – *Chair Goldberg***
 - 7.1 Report on activities of the THGAAC Chair including meetings held and planned travel/events
 - 7.2 Discuss Commissioner engagement with their communities, local officials, and partner organizations.
- 8. Legislative Update – *Vice Chair Parker***
 - 8.1 Report on the Legislative Session and recommendations from the Study on Antisemitism in Texas
- 9. Executive Director’s Report – *Joy Nathan, THGAAC Executive Director***
 - 9.1 Report on activities of the THGAAC Executive Director and staff including meetings held, consultations with THC, and planned travel/events
 - 9.2 Budget Overview
 - 9.3 Legislative Budget Request
 - 9.4 Discussion and possible vote on extension of the New West Communications Contract
- 10. Education Grants – *Cheyenne Perkins, THGAAC Regional Coordinator/ Grants Specialist***
 - 10.1 Review the status of the education grant reports
 - 10.2 Discuss the next grant cycle
- 11. Volunteers – *Lauren Fryer, THGAAC Regional Coordinator/ Volunteer Specialist***
 - 11.1 Report on outreach to volunteers, including speaker requests
- 12. Education – *J.E. Wolfson, PhD, THGAAC State Coordinator of Education***
 - 12.1 Holocaust (Remembrance Week, presentations, other upcoming priorities, and resources)
 - 12.2 Genocide (presentations, other upcoming priorities, and resources)
 - 12.3 Antisemitism (presentations, other upcoming priorities, and resources)
- 13. Communications – *Arielle Epstein, THGAAC Regional Coordinator/ Communication Specialist***
 - 13.1 Report on communications, including newsletter, website, and social media
- 14. Future Meetings: Dates, Agenda Items, and Other Arrangements**
- 15. Adjourn**

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