



Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Brad Livingston
Executive Director

Executive Director Announces His Retirement

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Brad Livingston, the Executive Director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, announced Friday afternoon to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice his decision to retire after leading the agency for nearly 12 years. Livingston is one of the longest tenured Executive Directors in the history of TDCJ. He will step down in August 2016.

“I am honored and humbled to have served Texas in this position during such an important time. While this role has its challenges, I had the opportunity to work with some of the most talented criminal justice staff in the nation. These are the unsung heroes who perform demanding, often dangerous, and always critical functions for the state of Texas.” Livingston said. “I will always be grateful for the opportunity to lead such a remarkable agency.”

Livingston joined TDCJ in October 1997 as the Deputy Director of the Financial Services Division. He was appointed Chief Financial Officer in June 2001 and assumed broad responsibility for the agency's day-to-day business, fiscal, and administrative operations. Livingston was named interim Executive Director in November 2004 and was then formally appointed the Executive Director by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice in July 2005. Before joining TDCJ, Livingston served in the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning and with the Legislative Budget Board.

“Brad epitomizes what it truly means to be a leader and he has made a profound, positive impact on this department. There’s hardly an area within the TDCJ that has not been affected by his leadership,” said Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Dale Wainwright. “He never backed away from a challenge but addressed them head on. His legacy reflecting exemplary service to the people of the state will be felt for many years to come.”

Livingston worked closely with Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Legislature, and the Governor’s Office to strengthen and improve the criminal justice system.

During his 12 year tenure as Executive Director, the offender population has declined from 156,000 to 147,000 and the state was able to close three prisons. Treatment alternatives to incarceration both in parole and probation have been significantly increased. The number of offenders in administrative segregation has been reduced by nearly 50%. A new system-wide risk assessment was implemented to help community supervision, prison, reentry, and parole staff improve case management services for individual offenders. Entry level correctional officer salaries have increased by 57% since 2004.

The nine member Texas Board of Criminal Justice is appointed by the Governor to oversee the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and is responsible for hiring the Executive Director. With Livingston's announcement, Chairman Wainwright stated "the board will initiate the process of appointing an Executive Director in the near future."

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has more than 38,000 employees and a total operating budget of more than \$3 billion. The agency is responsible for the care and custody of nearly 147,000 offenders, the supervision of more than 87,000 individuals released from prison on parole or mandatory supervision, as well as the broad oversight of adult probation departments that provide direct supervision to 245,000 individuals on community supervision.