



**Task Force of Border Health Officials (TFBHO)**

**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, September 9, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Site:**

Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
John H. Winters Building  
Public Hearing Room 125, First Floor  
701 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78751

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Attendees who would like to provide public comment should see the **Public Comment** section below.

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| 1. Call to Order, Welcome, Chair Remarks, Meeting Logistics and Roll Call                   | Esmeralda Guajardo, Chair<br>Francesca Kupper, HHSC       |
| 2. Consideration for approval of May 20, and July 15, 2021 meeting minutes *                | Esmeralda Guajardo, Chair                                 |
| 3. Update: Announcement and COVID-19 Vaccine  | David Gruber, DSHS<br>Tony Aragon, DSHS                   |
| 4. Review recommendation narratives (COVID-19) as part of the short-term plan               | Esmeralda Guajardo, Chair<br>Eduardo Olivarez, Vice-chair |
| 5. Discussion: Long-term Plan Recommendations   | Esmeralda Guajardo, Chair<br>Eduardo Olivarez, Vice-chair |
| 6. Approval of November 1, 2020 Recommendations Report (pending completion of narratives) * | Esmeralda Guajardo, Chair                                 |
| 7. Public Comment   | Francesca Kupper, HHSC                                    |



8. Closing Remarks, thank you and Adjourn

Esmeralda Guajardo, Chair

\* Denotes possible action item

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1. Members of the public may pre-register to provide oral comments at the meeting by completing a Public Comment Registration form at [https://texashhsmeetings.org/TFBHO\\_PCReg\\_Sept2021](https://texashhsmeetings.org/TFBHO_PCReg_Sept2021). Pre-registration is not required (see #3 below). Please mark the correct box on the Public Comment Registration form and provide your name, either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number. Public comment is limited to three minutes. Each speaker must state their name and on whose behalf they are speaking (if anyone). If you pre-register to speak and wish to provide a handout before the meeting, please submit an electronic copy in accessible PDF format that will be distributed by HHS staff to TFBHO members and State staff. Handouts are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to [OBPH@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:OBPH@dshs.texas.gov) immediately after pre-registering, but no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 7, 2021, and include the name of the person who will be commenting. Do not include health or other confidential information in your comments or handouts. Staff will not read handouts aloud during the meeting, but handouts will be provided to TFBHO members and State staff.
  
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3. Members of the public may provide oral public comment during the meeting without pre-registering by completing a form at the entrance to the meeting. Do not include health or other confidential information in your comments.

**Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of HHSC.**

**Contact:** Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to John Simo Villarreal at (737) 229-0778 or [john.villarreal@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:john.villarreal@dshs.texas.gov).

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