

Protect Our Kids Commission  
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Dear Commissioner:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Protect our Kids (POK) Commission established by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature in 2013. We have a very knowledgeable and experienced Commission that is well-qualified to address the work charged to us by the Legislature and the Governor. I am looking forward to working with each of you.

Our first meeting will be in Austin on Friday, October 24 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Supreme Court Children's Commission, which is located in the Tom C. Clark building. At this meeting, we will review our charge, organize our work, and coordinate our calendars in order to set future meeting dates that are most convenient for all. An agenda and materials will be sent to you by email shortly before the meeting. If you are unable to attend the October meeting, please let me know so we discuss future meeting dates that will accommodate your schedule.

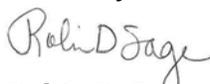
Because the meetings of the POK Commission are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act, each commission member must complete an online course prior to our first meeting. You can access the course here: [https://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/og\\_training.shtml](https://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/og_training.shtml)

In the meantime, I am reviewing reports and getting a handle on various data sources in our state, and nationally, that will help us complete our mission. If you know of or have access to data that may assist us in our work, please let me know so that it can be collected and shared with the group.

The Supreme Court Children's Commission has graciously offered provide staff support for our work. You will likely receive emails relating to the POK Commission from the Children's Commission's Executive Director, Tina Amberboy, or her assistant, Mary Mitchell. I am especially grateful to Justice Eva Guzman for offering this support to our Commission. They, along with the Department of Family and Protective Services, will be essential to completing our work.

Again, I look forward to working with you on the POK Commission. I believe that together we will be able to make recommendations to the legislature that will lead to better lives for the children of Texas.

Sincerely,



Robin D. Sage

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**Protect Our Kids Commission**

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