

## TDCJ's "2030 Vision" Authors TOP SECRET & Appeal to AG

This is the Open Record request on the history of TDCJ's "2030 Vision" that TDCJ has appealed to the Texas AG to keep the authors and history Top Secret. The following "b." was given in the book, *TDCJ's Christian Nationalist Frankenstein Must Die—Case of TDCJ Lying Cowardly Wardens versus TBCJ Top-Tier Attorneys' Cover-Up Culture* (2025), hereafter referred to as *Frankenstein*, with a hard copy certified to 115+ stakeholders in March 31, 2025:

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Frankenstein.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Frankenstein.pdf) >>



**ADDED after publication of *Frankenstein* to this document, listed here**

**LETTER from TDCJ to Texas AG** giving reasons sent to the AG after publication, i.e., their letter sloppily referring to generic on inter-office communications

**TBA will be added, including the AG's determination and then perhaps TDCJ's documents on the authors and some history—perhaps 😊**

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. . . *thus begins* what was sent as an appendix in *Frankenstein* word for word:

### **b. On TDCJ's "2030 Vision" Authors TOP Secret & Appeal to AG**

My first OR request was sent on December 18, 2024, and finally on March 17, I was told TDCJ APPEALS to the Texas AG to keep this history of their "2030 Vision" Top Secret, which also means no answer for months, asinine at best. Three months to this!

I will post all the emails whenever they finally come in, probably July 2025, and we'll see if the Texas AG concurs on keeping Top Secret their history.

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/TDCJ-Top-Secret-Vision.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/TDCJ-Top-Secret-Vision.pdf)



***Laugh—TDCJ's lawyers are trying to keep TOP SECRET the VISION's history—laughable! 😊***

### **Maness' FIRST 12-18-2024**

Regarding the "2030 Vision" as published, [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf):

1. Would like the name of the person who first thought of the "vision."
2. I would like the names and positions of the first person/s or committee that gave the announcement in "10-2022" (p. 3).
3. I would like a copy, preferably PDF of the "presentation" given in 1-2023 (p. 3).
4. I would like the names and positions of the authors of the final version 3-2024 (p. 3).
5. I would like the names and positions of the "committee" mentioned in 6-2024 (p. 3).
6. I would like a good-faith copy of all Byran Collier's correspondence or emails on the 2030 Vision's inception, development, and implementation.

### **Maness' THIRD 12-27-2024**

1. Regarding the "2030 Vision" as revised 4-15-2024, page 1, which states, "We explored social and technological trends that could affect corrections going forward," I would like a copy of the bibliography, white papers, analyses, and/or summaries "explored" to determine the "trends" mentioned.
2. That is, if "1" is not clear enough, what research or books or journal articles did they use to find the "trends" that led to the creation of the "2030 Vision"?
3. What "trends" did they discern that the unnamed author/s used to write the "2030 Vision"?

**TDCJ General Counsel – 1-7-2025 – PIA No. 0878-12-2024**

Good morning,

On December 18, 2024 you submitted a public information request seeking records from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in regards to the "2030 Vision."

Portions of the request, as currently phrased, are unclear or broad. Accordingly, our office seeks to clarify your request pursuant to section 552.222 of the Public Information Act.

Specifically, could you please specify:

What do you mean when you say "a good-faith copy?" Are you referring to a "good-faith" search?

We appreciate your clarification on these issues. Please let us know if our questions are not clear, and we will try to rephrase them.

Please also note: if the TDCJ does not receive a written response by the 61st day after the date of this correspondence Monday March 10, 2025, the request will be considered to have been withdrawn by operation of law.

Thank you,

Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ

**TDCJ General Counsel – 2-28-24**

Good morning,

Please see the below email that was sent to you on **January 7, 2025**.

Thank you,

Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ

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**Maness – 2-28-25**

Oh my, that shouldn't have prevented getting the names of the authors and titles in partial fulfillment.

"Good Faith" means whatever can be rather expeditiously found, as with asking Collier a simple question if he has an email or two, not a search of all of his emails the last years. If he cannot recall, so be it--fine. Not that big of deal, if it was not that big enough for him to recall his approvals of whoever concocted it--fine. **And a "Good Faith" would include the final approval email or memo, somewhere--if one does not exist, fine.**

Is there no file on that process? If so, "Good Faith" would send the PDF of that file.

Regardless, whatever you think "Good Faith" means after that--for someone wanting to see the history of the "2030 Vision" which history shall be documented. Whatever you think "Good Faith" means after the above is okay with me, for that is *the history*, that--perhaps--it was too hard to *easily* find, and that shall be that. In other words, if after a few emails to the authors and Collier, no one knows who came up with it--fine. If there is no history of development--fine. Better yet, in this light, if there is no formal approval **in writing** anywhere, that **IS THE HISTORY** of the "Vision"--fine.

**TDCJ General Counsel – 3-1-25 – APPEAL to Texas AG – Got to Keep HISTORY TOP SECRET!**

**OGC#0878-12-2024**

Good afternoon,

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is submitting your clarified request dated March 3, 2025 to the Office of the Attorney General for a ruling. Attached is a copy of our Request for Decision.

We will be submitting additional comments as to why the information is excepted from public disclosure within 15 business of receipt of your clarified request.

Thank you,  
Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ

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***Believe it—TDCJ's legal is trying to keep SECRET their VISION's history—laughable!***

Now then, see what a struggle I have had for the last 13 years, many times winning with the Texas AG, and other times—like with the names of Dir. Collier's Field Ministers remaining Top Secret—a real fight to get good and valued history, like transparency.

Really, laughable, three months and still cannot even get the names of the authors—laughably incompetent in honest history recording, even taxing legal expertise of TDCJ and the Texas AG to keep the authors TOP SECRET. And, as I pointed out, if Dir. Collier cannot remember when he signed off on it, well then, that is the history too—well, IF, if, or whatever the true history is in TDCJ desire to keep the true and thorough history TOP SECRET.

**Laugh, cause at this time, after all this, it is truly HILARIOUS** that a billion-dollar state agency VISION's authors and processes of creating the VISION are TOP SECRET, entailing **more work in keeping the VISION's authors TOP SECRET** than was used in the origins of Dir. Collier's Frankenstein Field Minister Program or **its constitutionality!** 😊



What follows is the documentation sent from TDCJ and AG as they come in on how TDCJ is fighting to keep Top Secret the history and authors of their "2030 Vision" just as TDCJ kept Top Secret the prison Field Minister names and TDCJ #s from my opus, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), another line of proof in the TBCJ's cover-up culture.

See *TDCJ's Christian Nationalist Frankenstein Must Die—Case of TDCJ Lying Cowardly Wardens versus TBCJ Top-Tier Attorneys' Cover-Up Culture* (2025), of which a hard copy was certified to 115+ stakeholders in March 31, 2025:

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Therein, is a link to *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* and a host of links to other primary documents and research hitherto kept secret in TDCJ, as well as a vision worthy of the all the in-prison staff that the TBCJ has yet to truly appreciate.



**TDCJ's email to me with a copy of its letter to the Texas AG with its reasons for keeping the "2030 Vision" history Top Secret. TDCJ's PDF follows this.**

PIR - Michael Maness - PIA No. 0878-12-2024

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From: OGC Open Records (ogcopenrecords@tdcj.texas.gov)

To: maness3@att.net

Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 at 03:10 PM CDT

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Request for Decision - Michael Maness - PIA No. 0878-12-2024.pdf  
305.3kB

Following is the PDF copy of TDCJ's letter to the AG.



## Texas Department of Criminal Justice

**Bryan Collier**  
Executive Director

March 24, 2025

The Honorable Ken Paxton  
Office of the Attorney General  
Open Records Division  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, TX 78711-2548

RE: PIA Request Submitted by Michael Maness – OGC#0878-12-2024, Texas.gov Request ID: 66286418

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

On December 18, 2025, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) received a PIA request from Michael Maness. The TDCJ submitted a copy of the request and a Request for Decision to your office on March 17, 2025.

After seeking clarification from Michael Maness, the TDCJ received a response on March 3, 2025 changing the deadline for this brief to March 24, 2025.

The responsive records contain information that is excepted from disclosure under § 552.111.

The TDCJ submitted this brief and responsive information through the Fedex Mail on March 24, 2025.

### I.

Requestor, Michael Maness, is seeking six categories of information relating to the TDCJ's "2030 Vision." The records submitted to your office for review are items 3 and 6 of the request, which seeks a copy of the presentation given to TDCJ's executive leadership in January 2023, as well as a copy of TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier's correspondence and emails on the 2030 Vision's inception, development, and implementation.

For context, the 2030 Vision is a comprehensive framework that identifies TDCJ's future goals to ensure continued growth and improvement in TDCJ's operations and commitment to public safety. At the highest level, it is the driving policy and vision behind many reforms TDCJ is undertaking and will continue to undertake in coming years.

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The submitted material is a representative sample, and it is excepted from disclosure under section 552.111.

## II.

### Section 552.111 – Agency Memoranda

Section 552.111 incorporates the deliberative process privilege for intra-agency communications. *City of Garland v. Dallas Morning News*, 22 S.W.3d 351, 360 (Tex. 2000). The deliberative process privilege protects agency communications that relate to agency policymaking/ *Id.* at 364. The purpose of withholding advice, opinion or recommendations under section 552.111 is to encourage frank and open discussion within the agency in connection with its decision-making processes pertaining to policy matters. An agency's policymaking functions include personnel matters of broad scope that affect the governmental body's policy mission.

Here, some of responsive information is excepted from disclosure under the deliberative process privilege.

Here, the responsive information includes a PowerPoint presentation (converted to PDF for purposes of submitting it to your office for review) that was presented to TDCJ's executive leadership team in January 2023. This is two months *prior* to the adoption of the 2030 Vision, and it was presented at a time when the ideas contained therein were still under deliberation, discussion, and formulation. This presentation includes a candid exchange of ideas and recommendations as a core part of TDCJ's policy making operations. It includes advice and recommendations from each division within TDCJ including, but not limited to, the TDCJ Office of the General Counsel, Rehabilitation Programs Division, Correctional Institutions Division, as well as other key stakeholders such as Government Affairs and the Chief of Staff's office. Notably, many of the ideas and recommendations contained in this PowerPoint ultimately evolved and underwent further refining and development.

Therefore, this PowerPoint falls squarely within the deliberative process privilege. It was presented as part of a frank and open discussion to TDCJ's leadership as part of the decision-making process pertaining to policy matters.

Similarly, this request seeks Bryan Collier's emails regarding the inception, development, and implementation of the 2030 Plan. Similar to the PowerPoint described above, these internal emails include a candid exchange of ideas and recommendations as a core part of TDCJ's policy making operations. For example, they include a *draft* of the TDCJ Business and Finance Division's 2030 Vision (referred to as the "2030 Plan" in the responsive information). These documents capture the Business and Finance Division's "strategic vision spanning the next eight years." Again, similar to the PowerPoint described above, the ideas expressed in these documents were still in formulation and development.

Another representative email is an exchange between Bryan Collier and Christopher Cirrito, who is the head of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice's Office of the Independent Auditor. This email includes an exchange of ideas necessary for Mr. Cirrito to put the "finishing touches" on the 2030 Vision plan for the Office of the Independent Auditor. Mr. Collier has a similar email

from Tina Clark, Chief Information Office for TDCJ. Ms. Clark's emails include a *draft* of the TDCJ's Information Technologies Division's 2030 Vision. Like the other materials described herein, this draft includes candid recommendations of how to improve TDCJ's operations and use of resources.

Finally, there is an email from TDCJ Chief of Staff, Jason Clark, to Bryan Collier. This email includes a *draft* of a presentation prepared for Mr. Collier regarding the 2030 Vision. This document was not yet finalized, and it contains behind-the-scenes insight into the decision-making-process. It also includes a candid assessment of TDCJ's state of affairs, including issues like data management and culture.

All of these materials fall squarely within the deliberative process privilege, which is designed to protect candid internal discussions as part of the policy making process. That is precisely what these documents encompass. Importantly, the final version of TDCJ's 2030 Vision has been public. As your office has consistently ruled that drafts and working copies of policies that are eventually made public fall within the deliberative process privilege, the same conclusion should be reached here.

Therefore, the submitted information is excepted from disclosure in its entirety under section 552.111.



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Deputy General Counsel

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Attachment

*(Note for Administrative Purposes Only: General Brief placed in FedEx on March 24, 2025 and assigned Tracking# 8800 2226 1825)*

The TDCJ requests that you send your ruling to:

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