Hearings Timeline in Texas DFPS Legal Cases

Day	Timeline of Required Hearings in DFPS Legal Cases
0	Ex parte or Emergency Hearing authorizing DFPS to take possession of child
14	Full Adversary/14-Day Hearing
60	Status Hearing
180	First Permanency Hearing Before Final Order
300	Second Permanency Hearing Before Final Order
300- 365	Trial/Final Order, unless dismissal date extended
420	Third Permanency Hearing, if extended or monitored return to parent
365- 545	If Extended, Trial/Final Order or Monitored Return to Parent
545+	Post-Final Order Efforts to Achieve Permanency – If the child is placed in the permanent managing conservatorship (PMC) of DFPS, periodic permanency hearings after final order are held at least every 180 days until the child finds a permanent home.