

Dallas City Boards and Commissions Agenda Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: Monday, April 29, 2026

Convened: 5:37 P.M.

Adjourned: 9:06 P.M.

JNC Board Members Present:

Matthew McDougal, Chair, District 15
Lauren Black, District 1
Juan R Olivo, District 2
Anthony Lyons, District 5
Scott D Harvel, District 6
Sara Martinez, District 7
Catrina B Johnson, District 8
Janice S. Bloom, District 11
Carrie Chavez, District 12
Andrea M. Brown, District 13
Carl Ginsberg, District 14

JNC Board Members Absent:

Cristina Puga, District 3
Craig Alan Carrillo, District 4
Barbara Clay, District 9

Staff Members Present

Karen Gonzalez, Management Analyst/ Coordinator
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Rodney Patten, Assistant City Attorney V

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER (5:37 P.M.)

MINUTES

1. Approval of April 29, 2026, Minutes

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve April 29, 2026, Minutes.

Motion made by: Sara Martinez, District 7

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: Juan R Olivo, District 2

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Review of Full-time Municipal Judges including the Administrative Judge and Associate Judge Positions

- Pursuant to Section 551.074 of Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, to deliberate the possible appointment and employment of Municipal Judge positions

ACTION ITEMS

B. Selection of Recommendations for Full-time Municipal Judge including the Administrative Judge and Associate Judge positions

Presenter(s): Matthew McDougal, Chair

Information Only:

Motion made by: Carrie Chavez, District 12

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: Scott D Harvel, District 6

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The JNC has ranked in order of preference and recommends to the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominating Committee **(3)** three candidates for Administrative Judge, **(15)** fifteen candidates for full-time Municipal Judge, and **(20)** twenty candidates for Associate Judge.

Administrative Judge Candidates

The Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee may recommend **(1)** one of the following candidates for Administrative Judge.

1. Hyattye Simmons
2. Robinson Jr, Preston
3. James LaMarca

Full-time Municipal Judge Candidates

The Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee may recommend **(15)** fifteen of the following candidates for full-time Municipal Judge.

1. Mark Murrell
2. Manuel Haddad
3. Kristen Kramer
4. Marcia Tillman
5. Brandy Mitchell
6. Emily Worland
7. Amy Gray
8. Demetrius Blacklock
9. Tonya Goffney
10. Amar Thakrar
11. Kevin Brooks
12. Desmond Cooks
13. Edward Jhonson
14. Andrew Novak
15. Jamie Young

Associate Judge Candidates

The Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee may recommend **(20)** twenty of the following candidates for Associate Judge.

1. Melodee Armstrong

2. Lynn Richardson
3. Jamie Young
4. Kevin Brooks
5. Ashley Moreno
6. Amy Gray
7. Daniel McDonald
8. Alan Rich
9. Erane LaSusa
10. Stephanie Neal
11. Lana Byrne
12. Ashlei Gradney
13. Desmond Cooks
14. Sandra White
15. Christina Jump
16. McClalland
17. Erin Jackson
18. Stephen McFayden
19. Darice Shaw
20. Helen Arizor

ADJOURNMENT (9:06 P.M)

APPROVED BY:

Matthew McDougal, Chair
Judicial Nominating Commission

ATTESTED BY:

Karen Gonzalez, Coordinator
Judicial Nominating Commission

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