

Dallas City Boards and Commissions

Agenda Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 **Convened:** 7:00 P.M. **Adjourned:** 7:36 P.M.

JNC Board Members Present:

Matthew McDougal, Chair, District 15
Lauren Black, District 1
Juan R Olivo, District 2
Craig Alan Carrillo, District 4
Catrina B Johnson, District 8
Barbara Clay, District 9
R. Nathan Brin, District 10
Robert Gray, District 11
Carrie Chavez, District 12
Jennifer Balido, District 13
Carl Ginsberg, District 14

JNC Board Members Absent:

Anthony Lyons, District 5
Joe Carreon, District 6
Sara Martinez, District 7

Staff Members Present:

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

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER (7:00 P.M.)

MINUTES

1. Approval of the May 20, 2024, Minutes

Motion made by: Jennifer Balido, District 13

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: Carrie Chavez, District 12

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

BRIEFINGS ITEMS

A. Discuss the Vacant Full-Time Judge position for Dallas Municipal Court

Presenter(s): Matthew McDougal, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Robinson Preston, Administrative Judge provided the Judicial Nomination Commission an update on the retirement of Judge Michael Acuna. Leaving a vacancy in the municipal court for a full-time position.

Robinson Preston, Administrative Judge asked the JNC to appoint another full-time judge in the vacant position, preferably if that person is one of the current associate judges that the JNC will also potentially appoint another Associate judge to fill the vacancy positions. All other questions and concerns were answered.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

B. Discuss the appointment of possible replacement or additional hire of Associate Judge

Presenter(s): Matthew McDougal, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to recommend the following candidate to the Ad Hoc Judicial Committee as a full-time Municipal Judge.

- Amar Thakrar

Motion made by: Carl Ginsberg, District 14

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: Barbara Clay, District 9

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to recommend the following candidate to the Ad Hoc Judicial Committee as an Associate Judge.

- Ashlei Gradney

Motion made by: Carl Ginsberg, District 14

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: Jennifer Balido, District 13

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

C. Discuss the devising metrics for evaluating applicants in general, including requesting the Dallas Bar Association to expand its bar poll to cover Municipal Judges, and asking Representatives of both any relevant Criminal Bar Associations and the City Attorneys' Office for feedback on the judiciary

Presenter(s): Matthew McDougal, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Matthew McDougal, Chair open the floor for discussion on future devising metrics for evaluating applicants in general, including requesting the Dallas Bar Association to expand its bar poll to cover Municipal Judges, and asking Representatives of both any relevant Criminal Bar Associations and the City Attorneys' Office for feedback on the judiciary.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

ADJOURNMENT (9:58 P.M)

APPROVED BY:

Matthew McDougal, Chair
Judicial Nominating Commission

ATTESTED BY:

Karen Gonzalez, Coordinator
Judicial Nominating Commission