

# Dallas City Boards and Commissions Agenda Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting Date:** Thursday, March 23, 2026

**Convened:** 5:40 P.M.

**Adjourned:** 6:42 P.M.

**JNC Board Members Present:**

Matthew McDougal, Chair, District 15  
Lauren Black, District 1  
Craig Alan Carrillo, District 4  
Anthony Lyons, District 5  
Scott D Harvel, District 6  
Sara Martinez, District 7  
Catrina B Johnson, District 8  
Barbara Clay, District 9  
Janice S. Bloom, District 11  
Carl Ginsberg, District 14

**JNC Board Members Absent:**

Juan R Olivo, District 2  
Cristina Puga, District 3  
R. Nathan Brin, District 10  
Carrie Chavez, District 12  
Jennifer Balido, District 13

**Staff Members Present**

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

**AGENDA:**

**CALL TO ORDER (5:40 P.M.)**

**MINUTES**

**1. Approval of March 4, 2025, Minutes**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Carl Ginsberg, District 14, recorded an objection asserting that the Dallas Judicial Nominating Commission is not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA), citing Fiske v. City of Dallas, 220 S.W.3d 547 (Tex. App. 2007). A motion was made and approved to incorporate this TOMA objection into the May 29, 2025, meeting minutes.

A requested notation was made by Craig Alan Carrillo, District 4 to unmark his absence twice. A motion was made to make that update on the attendance.

**Motion made by:** Catrina B Johnson, District 8

**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:**

**2. Approval of May 29, 2025, Minutes**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

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**Motion made by:** Catrina B Johnson, District 8  
**Item passed unanimously:**   
**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** Anthony Lyons, District 5  
**Item passed on a divided vote:**   
**Item failed on a divided vote:**

## **BRIEFINGS ITEMS**

### **A. City of Dallas- Administrative Law Judge Appointments Update**

**Presenter(s):** Matthew McDougal, Chair  
**Information Only:**

#### **Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Matthew McDougal, Chair provided an update of the final City of Dallas Administrative Law Judge Appointments. The JNC commission discusses vacancies for administrative law judges and upcoming selection processes. The JNC Commission requested to schedule a follow-up meeting with Jared Davis to discuss the administrative law judge positions and the reasons for the recent resignations.

**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 Municipal Judge Selection Process**

**Presenter(s):** Matthew McDougal, Chair  
**Information Only:**

#### **Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Matthew McDougal, Chair provided an overview of the Municipal Judge selection process. The JNC Commission Members express urgency in scheduling interviews for Municipal Judge positions before statutory deadlines.

### **C. Approval of the job advertisement for Municipal Judges**

**Presenter(s):** Matthew McDougal, Chair  
**Information Only:**

#### **Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Matthew McDougal, Chair provided an overview of the job advertisement for Municipal Judges. Schedule interviews for full-time judges on April 20th and 21st, with part-time judges on the 22nd. Prioritize in-person interviews with all JNC Commission Members present for candidate evaluation. Consider notifying candidates of interview dates earlier to ensure availability. The JNC Commission discussed potential changes to the required experience for applicants, maintaining a minimum of two years. Approved job advertisement with the amendment for "two or more years" of legal experience.

**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 (6:42 P.M)**

**APPROVED BY:**

Matthew McDougal, Chair  
Judicial Nominating Commission

**ATTESTED BY:**

Karen Gonzalez, Coordinator  
Judicial Nominating Commission

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