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Judicial Nominating Commission

April 20, 2026

5:30 PM

The Board/Commission meeting will be held by videoconference and in 1500 Marilla Street- 4EN Dallas, Tx 75201, Location at City Hall. Individuals who wish to listen to the meeting, may participate by video by joining Meeting link:

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/j.php?MTID=m90fe8d6df2688854f1d25a40bc3699c0>

A video stream of the meeting will be available twenty-four (24) hours after adjournment by visiting <https://dallascityhall.com/government/Pages/Live.aspx>.

Call to Order

Minutes

1. [26-1287A](#) Approval of March 23, 2026 Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. [26-1288A](#) Interview of candidates for City of Dallas - Full-time Municipal Judges including the Administrative Judge and Associate Judge positions
 - Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, to deliberate the possible appointment and employment of Municipal Judges.

Adjournment

Handgun Prohibition Notice for Meetings of Governmental Entities

"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.07 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."

"Pursuant to Section 46.03, Penal Code (places weapons prohibited), a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon into any open meeting on this property."

"De conformidad con la Sección 46.03, Código Penal (coloca armas prohibidas), una persona no puede llevar un arma de fuego u otra arma a ninguna reunión abierta en esta propiedad."

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code § 551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code § 551.089]
8. deliberating cybersecurity measures, policies, or contracts solely intended to protect a critical infrastructure facility. [Tex. Gov't Code § 551.0761]

Dallas City Boards and Commissions Agenda Meeting Minutes

The Judicial Nominating Commission meetings are recorded. Agenda materials are available online at www.dallascityhall.com.
Recordings may be reviewed/copied by contacting the Judicial Nominating Commission Coordinator at (214) 671-5265.

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):

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.

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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