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*1500 Marilla Street
Council Chambers, 6th Floor
Dallas, Texas 75201*



Judicial Nominating Commission

October 30, 2024

6:00 PM

The Board/Commission meeting will be held by videoconference and at 1500 Marilla Street, Council Chambers 6th Floor, Location at City Hall. Individuals who wish to listen to the meeting, may participate by video by joining

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/j.php?MTID=mcbc255420bb79d91634ae4a10a2d9755>

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. 24-3394 Approval of the May 20, 2024 Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Briefings Items

- A. 24-3395 Discuss the Vacant Full- Time Judge position for Dallas Municipal Court
[Matthew L. McDougal, Chair, Judicial Nominating Commission]
- B. 24-3397 Discuss the appointment of possible replacement or additional hire of an Associate Judge
[Matthew McDougal, Chair, Judicial Nominating Commission]
- C. 24-3398 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
[Matthew McDougal, Chair, Judicial Nominating Commission]

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]

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](tel:2146715265).

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 20, 2024

Convened: 6:24 P.M.

Adjourned: 9:58 P.M.

JNC Board Members Present:

Matthew McDougal, Chair, District 15
Juan R Olivo, District 2
Craig Alan Carrillo, District 4
Anthony Lyons, District 5
Joe Carreon, District 6
Sara Martinez, District 7
Catrina B Johnson, District 8
Barbara Clay, District 9
Carrie Chavez, District 12
Carl Ginsberg, District 14

JNC Board Members Absent:

Anne B. Hagan, District 1
Nicole Williams, District 10
Thomas Mills, District 11
Jennifer Balido, District 13

Staff Members Present:

Ellen Stafford, Executive Recruiter
Erika Guerrero, Talent Acquisition Manager
Karen Gonzalez, Management Analyst/
Coordinator
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Rodney Patten, Assistant City Attorney V

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER (6:24 P.M.)

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 of Full-time Municipal Judge including the Administrative Judge and Associate Judge Positions

Presenter(s): Matthew McDougal, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Administrative Judge Candidates

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

1. Robinson Jr, Preston
2. Luis Pumarejo
3. Tara Primeaux

Full- time Municipal Judge Candidates

The Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee may recommend **(10)** ten of the following candidates for full-time Municipal Judge.

1. Jay Robinson
2. Preston Robinson
3. Amar Thakrar
4. Kevin Brooks
5. Cheryl Williams
6. Demetrius Blacklock
7. Michael Acuna
8. Manuel Haddad
9. Amy Gray
10. Tonya Goffney
11. Mark Murrell
12. Kristen Kramer
13. Julie Clancy
14. Marcia Tillman
15. Hyattye Simmons

Associate Judge Candidates

The Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee may recommend **(18)** eighteen of the following candidates for Associate Judge.

1. Amar Thakrar
2. Melodee Armstrong
3. Desmond Cooks
4. Sandra White
5. Manuel Haddad
6. Cadoc Menchu
7. Daniel McDonald
8. Erane Lasusa
9. Stephanie Neal
10. Amy Gray
11. Kevin Brooks
12. Eric McClelland
13. Edward Johnson
14. Luis Pumarejo
15. Darice Shaw
16. John McCall
17. Lana Byrne
18. Helen Arizor
19. Tifanee Baker
20. Ashlei Gradney
21. Geoffrey Kellar

22.Tara Primeaux

23.James Abel

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