

AD HOC JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE  
DALLAS CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018  
CITY HALL  
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, 6ES  
1500 MARILLA STREET  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201  
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**Chair, Council Member B. Adam McGough**  
**Vice Chair, Council Member Philip T. Kingston**  
**Domestic Violence Task Force Chair, Council Member Jennifer S. Gates**  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano  
Council Member Sandy Greyson  
Council Member Kevin Felder

Call to Order

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2018, April 23, 2018, and June 11, 2018 Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee Meeting Chair McGough
2. Forward Nominations for Vacant Municipal Judge Positions for Recommendation by Ad Hoc Judicial to the City Council Mark Melton  
Judicial Nominations  
Committee

Adjourn



B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

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]

**NOTICE: 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."

# Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, March 26, 2018

Convened: 12:12 P.M.

Adjourned: 12:45 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano  
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates  
Council Member Sandy Greyson  
Council Member Kevin Felder

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Staff Present:

Genesis D. Gavino  
Gloria Lopez Carter  
Judge Daniel Solis  
Chris Caso  
Jon Fortune

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**

**1. Approval of the January 8, 2018 meeting minutes.**

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

A motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2018.

Motion made by: Chair McGough

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

**2. Overview of the Municipal Court Operations**

Presenter(s): Gloria Lopez Carter, Director; Judge Solis, Administrative Judge

Information Only:

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

Staff briefed the committee on trends impacting court utilization. Citations have been decreasing at a rate of 5% yearly. Dockets and scheduled cases have also been decreasing, yet the number of judges remain the same. Based on those findings, staff recommended to the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee to consider reducing the number of full-time judges from 12 to 10.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

**3. Executive Session: Municipal Court Judicial Appointment Process**

**Presenter(s):** Chris Caso, City Attorney's office

**Information Only:**

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

The Committee entered Executive Session in regard to Municipal Court Judicial Appointment Process (Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meeting Act)

**Motion made by:** Chair McGough

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

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Genesis D. Gavino, Coordinator  
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

# Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 23, 2018

Convened: 10:04 A.M.

Adjourned: 10:51 A.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano  
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates  
Council Member Sandy Greyson  
Council Member Kevin Felder

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Staff Present:

Genesis D. Gavino  
Maxime Faye  
Gloria Lopez Carter  
Judge Daniel Solis  
Chris Caso

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**

**1. Nominations for Municipal Court Judges**

**Presenter(s):** Mark Melton, Chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC)

**Information Only:**

This briefing provided the committee an overview of the JNC's selection and interview process of candidates for the full-time, associate (part-time), and Administrative judge positions at the Municipal Court of Record. As required, the JNC submitted a number of nominees equal to 150% of the full-time and associate positions to be filled (rounded up to a whole number) and ranked in order of preference. Therefore, the JNC reviewed 105 applications, selected 59 applicants for in-person interviews which were conducted over the course of four days. The JNC recommended 18 candidates for full-time municipal judge, and 27 candidates for associate (part-time) municipal judge and 3 candidates for Administrative judge.

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

Motion to forward the JNC's recommendation to full council without changes.

**Motion made by:** CM Kingston

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Greyson

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

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

Motion to forward the JNC's associate judge list to full council without changes.

**Motion made by:** CM Kingston

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:** CM Greyson

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**2. Approval of the March 26, 2018 meeting minutes.**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**  
A motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2018.

**Motion made by: Chair McGough**  
**Item passed unanimously:**   
**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by:**  
**Item passed on a divided vote:**   
**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

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Genesis D. Gavino, Coordinator  
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

# Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, June 11, 2018

Convened: 12:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 12:52 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano  
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates  
Council Member Sandy Greyson  
Council Member Kevin Felder

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Staff Present:

Genesis D. Gavino  
Chris Caso  
Max Faye

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**

1. **Finalize Recommendation for Municipal Judges and Administrative Municipal Judge and Forward Recommendations to the City Council.**

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

A motion to approve the JNC's recommendations to full council with the following changes: Substitute Juan Renteria (resigned) with Hollis Godfrey; reduce the number of Administrative Judges from 12 to 10; adopt JNC's recommendation to nominate Judge Preston Robinson as Administrative Judge.

- **Amendment to the proposed motion:**

Chair McGough proposed to select Kristin Kramer as a substitute for resigned candidate Juan Renteria instead of Hollis Godfrey. The reason for the amendment is because Hollis Godfrey did not complete the questionnaire that Council submitted to candidates.

✓ **Motion Seconded:** CM Kingston

- **Amendment to the proposed motion:**

CM Medrano proposed to substitute Yolanda Jurado-Gesswein with Eric McClelland as Associate Judge. Jurado-Gesswein has already been selected as a Municipal Judge.

✓ **Motion Seconded:** CM Gates

- **Amendment to the proposed motion:**

CM Greyson proposed to substitute associate judges (Tim Menchu, Daniel McDonald, Hollis Godfrey, and Desmond Cook) who did not complete their questionnaires with the next runners-up.

✓ **Motion Failed**

**Motion made by: CM Kingston**  
**Item passed unanimously:**   
**Item failed unanimously:**

**Motion Seconded by: CM Gates**  
**Item passed on a divided vote:**   
**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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B. Adam McGough, Chair  
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

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Genesis D. Gavino, Coordinator  
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 30, 2018

TO Honorable Members of the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee:  
B. Adam McGough (Chair), Phillip T. Kingston (Vice Chair), Council Member Jennifer S. Gates, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano, Council Member Sandy Greyson, Council Member Kevin Felder

SUBJECT Recommendation to fill Judicial Vacancies

The Dallas City Council recently approved a slate of nominees for full and part-time municipal court judges. After the nominations were confirmed by the City Council, one of the nominees for a full-time position, Yolanda Julado-Gessein, withdrew her name from consideration, leaving a vacancy. Additionally, one of the part-time appointees, Marcela Evans, resigned.

## Recommendation for Full-time Position

The JNC convened on August 15, 2018 and voted unanimously to recommend that the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee select the next candidate on the slate previously provided by the JNC, as modified by the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee. Accordingly, the JNC recommends Marcia Tillman.

Judge Tillman has served as an Associate Judge for 2 years. She has 10 years of experience as an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery and Jefferson Counties, and worked as an Assistant City Attorney for 5 years in Conroe. The remainder of her career was in private practice with heavy exposure to criminal law. The JNC found her temperament and knowledge of the Dallas Municipal Court processes and procedures important.

## Recommendations for Part-time Position

Judge Tillman's nomination to a full-time position, if accepted by the City Council, will create an additional vacancy among the part-time judges, as she currently serves as a part-time judge. Accordingly, if she is confirmed, two part-time appointments will be necessary.

The JNC has not been able to convene a meeting in advance of your September 4, 2018 meeting to discuss recommendations for these part-time positions. However, the JNC has previously provided a recommended slate of part-time judges, which is attached, as amended by the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee. Note that the slate includes rankings that show which candidates should be given consideration in the event a higher-ranked candidate was rejected.



On behalf of the JNC, thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Please contact me if you have any questions.



Mark Melton, Chair  
Judicial Nominating Commission

### Attachments

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
Larry Casto, City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Billerae Johnson, City Secretary  
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge  
Kimberly Bizar Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager  
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager  
Jo M. (Jody) Puckett, Assistant City Manager (Interim)

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer  
Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services  
Raquel Favela, Chief of Economic Development & Neighborhood Services  
Theresa O'Donnell, Chief of Resilience  
Directors and Assistant Directors

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Prior Slate of Candidates**

## Recommendations of the Judicial Nominating Commission

Key
Sitting Municipal Judge
Sitting Associate Judge
* =Selected for Either Municipal or Associate Judge Positions

Municipal Judge			
Rank	Name	Gender	Ethnicity
1	Demetrius Blacklock	M	BLK
2	Jay Robinson	M	WHT
3	Michael Acuna	M	UNK
4	Cheryl Williams	F	BLK
5	Preston Robinson	M	BLK
6	Tonya Goffney*	F	BLK
	Yolanda Julado-Gessein*	F	MEXA
7	Mark Murrell	M	BLK
8	Julie Clancy	F	UNK
9	Kristen Kramer	F	UNK
	Hollis Godfrey*	M	WHT
10	Marcia Tillman*	F	WHT
11	Dalerie Moore	F	BLK
12	Stefanee Davis	F	BLK
13	Henry Wade	M	WHT
14	Victor Lander	M	BLK
15	Daniel Solis	M	MEXA

Withdraw Name

Clayton Amendment  
Withdraw Name

Associate Judge			
Rank	Name	Gender	Ethnicity
1	Melodee Armstrong	F	BLK
2	Tim Menchu	M	AMIN
3	Daniel Ryan	M	WHT
4	Roland Anderson	M	WHT
5	Kristine Primrose	F	WHT
6	Joselito Giron	M	OASI
7	Daniel McDonald	M	WHT
8	Desmond Cooks	M	BLK
9	Thaddeus Iwuji	M	UNK
10	Sandra White	F	BLK
	Tonya Goffney*	F	BLK
11	Juan Renteria*	M	SPAN
	Marcia Tillman*	F	WHT
12	Jonh McCall	M	WHT
	Yolanda Jurado-Gesswein*	F	MEXA
13	Eric McClennand		
	Holis Godfrey*	M	WHT
14	Amar Thakrar	M	UNK
	Marcela Evans	F	UNK
15	Amy Castle Gray	F	UNK
16	Erane LaSusa	F	WHT
17	Frances Crumpler	M	UNK
18	Yodit Tewolde	F	BLK
19	Sharon Sela	F	UNK
20	Mai Mullen Milton	F	BLK
21	Ashley White	F	TWO
22	Timon Watson	M	WHT
23	Raymond Hindieh	M	OTHR

Full-time Judge

Recommended for FT

Withdraw Name

Medrano Amendment

Withdraw Name

Resigned