

DRAFT
Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee
Meeting Record

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Special Call Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2014 **Convened:** 3:05 p.m. **Adjourned:** 4:41 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member Scott Griggs, **Chair**
Council Member Philip Kingston, **Vice-Chair**
Council Member Jerry Allen
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo
Council Member Dwaine Caraway
Council Member Vonciel Jones Hill

Executive Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
Gloria Carter, Director, Courts
Ryan Rogers, Assistant Director, Courts
Fred Williams, Chief Prosecutor, CAO

Guest Present:

Daniel Perez, Chair, Judicial Nominating Commission
Gary Sibley, Vice-Chair, Judicial Nominating Commission

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Scott Griggs, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Griggs called an open session of the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee Meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2014 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for December 3, 2013 meeting minutes**

Presenter: Scott Griggs, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Councilmember Alonzo**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Seconded by: **Councilmember Kingston**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Dallas Municipal Court Update**

Presenter: Ryan Rogers, Court and Detention Services

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of Municipal Court reforms

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Pre-trial process
- Trial dismissals
- Officer subpoenas
- Time Served
- Recycle rate
- Disposition for pre-trial
- Developing ongoing monitoring report
- Fees
- Compliance rate
- Procedure for discovery
- Statistics on number of lawyers who practiced at Municipal Courts prior to implementation of new procedures
- Current Operations in FY13
- Produce materials in both English and Spanish
- Tour of Municipal Courts Facility
- Behavior modification
- Witness unavailable
- Collection of fines
- Warrant roundup
- Traffic citations
- Community court

4. **Overview of 2014 Municipal Judge Selection Timeline**

Presenter: Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Background checks
- Residency verification

5. **Ad Hoc Committee Judicial Nomination and Appointment Procedures**

Presenter: Scott Griggs, Chair

Motion made by Councilmember Allen that the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee interview the list of candidates recommended by the Judicial Nominating Commission on April 28, 2014. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo seconded the motion. The committee had discussion.

Councilmember Hill amended the motion made by Councilmember Allen, to make an exception to include Associate Judge Melodee Armstrong on April 28, 2014 for an interview. Councilmember Caraway seconded the motion and it failed with 2 in favor and 4 opposed. Council Member's Scott Griggs, Philip Kingston, Jerry Allen and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo voted in opposition.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen that the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee interview the list of candidates recommended by the Judicial Nominating Commission on April 28, 2014. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with 1 opposed. Councilmember Hill voted in opposition.

6. **Discussion and Potential Action regarding Hearing Officers**

Presenter: Scott Griggs, Chair

Dallas City Code 27-16.17(a) states “The administrative judge of the municipal court shall appoint one hearing officer and may appoint a maximum of five associate hearing officers.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Bilingual hearing officer

The April 7, 2014 Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Scott Griggs, Chair
Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee

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AdHoc Judicial Nominations Committee