

# Dallas City Boards and Commissions Agenda

## Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2018

**Convened:** 6:20 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 7:46 p.m.

**Boardmembers Present:**

Joseph William Moore  
Stephanie Champion  
Monica M Purdy  
Diren Singhe  
William R Weinberg  
Mark A Melton, **Chair**  
Michael Acuna  
Chris Caso

**Boardmembers Absent:**

Andrea Clark  
Andres Correa  
Nicole L. Williams  
William Cox III

**Staff Present:**

Molly Carroll  
Patsy Palmer  
Maxime Faye

**AGENDA:**

**1. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Melton called an open session of the Judicial Nominating Commission Meeting to order at 6:20 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 4DN-Team Room, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present, and attendance documented with each member stating their name for the record. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46p.m.

**2. Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s) and Discussions:**

- **Motion to approve JNC's 2017 Annual Report:** Chair Melton prepared JNC's 2017 Annual Report and discussed the content and details with the members.

**Motion by:** Chris Caso  
Passed Unanimously

**Motion seconded by:** Diren Singh

- Chair Melton requested if Mr. Caso could check if it will be possible to create a subcommittee of the Judicial Nominating Commission with the ability to conduct all interviews for the Municipal Judges' selection. This would be an alternative in case of JNC not meeting quorum.

- The JNC members discussed their independent selections methods which included: selecting a diverse pool of applicants, granting incumbent judges a chance to interview as it was traditionally done by JNC, evaluating applicants' experience, ensuring experience working with vulnerable populations, number of years in practice, and applicants' commitment to public service.
- The JNC members discussed their independent reviews of 105 candidates on the NeoGov website, the most qualified candidates, and candidates without the required qualifications.
- The JNC members agreed to select 59 applicants for in-person interviews to be conducted over the course of 4 days: April 4th, April 5th, April 10th and April 11th, 2018.
- The JNC Members had a discussion on Court Reform and a Warrant Forgiveness Program for the Municipal Court. Chair Melton briefed members on information he received from Judge Solis on current outstanding warrants, and the number of outstanding account receivable and corresponding aging report to verify how old the receivables were: 718,000 outstanding warrants, and \$ 82.5 million in account receivable. JNC members discussed the idea of doing research on warrant forgiveness programs that were implemented in cities such as Fort Worth and St-Louis and present their findings to the JNC Ad Hoc Committee.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weinberg. Seconded by Mr. Caso.  
Passed Unanimously

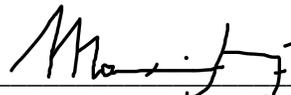
The March 27, 2018 Judicial Nominating Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:**



Mark Melton, Chair  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
Dallas City Boards and Commissions

**ATTEST:**



Maxime Faye, Board Coordinator  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
Dallas City Boards and Commissions