



TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 30, 2022

10:00 AM

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

On September 30, 2022, Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht called the meeting¹ of the [Texas Judicial Council](#) ("Council") to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

The following members of the Council were present:

Hon. Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
Hon. Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
Mr. Kevin Bryant, Crow Holdings, Dallas
Hon. Jennifer Caughey, Jackson Walker LLP, Houston
Ms. Sonia Clayton, Virtual Intelligence Providers, LLC, Houston
Mr. Jon Gimble, District Clerk, McLennan County, Waco
Hon. Bill Gravell Jr., Constitutional County Judge, Williamson County
Hon. Jeff Leach, State Representative, Allen
Hon. Emily Miskel, Judge, 470th District Court, McKinney
Hon. Valencia Nash, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Place 2, Dallas County
Hon. Kathleen Person, Judge, City of Temple Municipal Court, Temple
Hon. Sherry Radack, Chief Justice, 1st Court of Appeals, Houston
Hon. Maggie Sawyer, Justice of the Peace, McCulloch County, Brady
Hon. Reggie Smith, State Representative, Sherman
Hon. Edward J. Spillane, III, Presiding Judge, City of College Station
Hon. Ken Wise, Justice, 14th Court of Appeals, Houston
Hon. Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, Laredo

Members not in attendance were *Ms. Zina Bash, Sen. Brandon Creighton, Hon. Claudia Laird, Hon. Missy Medary, and Ms. Rachel Racz.*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

¹ The meeting may be viewed on the Office of Court Administration YouTube site at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TexasCourtAdmin/>.

The [May 20, 2022](#), meeting minutes were approved as presented.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Texas Indigent Defense Commission Report

Geoff Burkhart, Executive Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, presented on the [TIDC Report](#).

Chief Justice Hecht called for discussion on the Resolution In Support of Appropriations Request for Improving Indigent Defense.

Motion to adopt TIDC resolution was made. The resolution was adopted.

Consider adoption of the report Court-Appointed Legal Representation in Texas Child Protection Cases

Crystal Leff-Pinon, Senior Policy Analyst, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, presented to the Council on the [Court-Appointed Legal Representation in Texas Child Protection Cases report](#).

Megan LaVoie, Executive Director, Texas Judicial Council, noted that the Civil Justice Committee adopted the report and recommends the Council also adopt.

Motion to adopt the report was made and the report was adopted.

Civil Justice Committee Report and consider adoption of the report and resolutions

Judge Emily Miskel presented on the [Civil Justice Committee Report](#) and recommendations, as well as the resolutions associated with its recommendations.

Chief Justice Hecht called for discussion on each resolution as presented.

Motion to adopt the Joint Criminal Justice Committee and Civil Justice Committee Juvenile NICS Reporting Recommendations was made. Resolution was adopted.

Motion to adopt the Joint Criminal Justice Committee and Civil Justice Committee Remote Proceedings Recommendation was made. Resolution was adopted.

Motion to adopt the Civil Justice Committee Child Protection Data Collection Recommendation was made. Resolution was adopted.

Motion to adopt the Civil Justice Committee Report made. Senator Judith Zaffirini opposes the business court pilot recommendation within the report. The report was adopted.

Public Trust and Confidence Committee and consider adoption of the report and resolutions

Judge Ed Spillane presented on the [Public Trust and Confidence Committee Report](#) discussing the recommendations and the resolutions on civics education and clean slate recommendations.

Chief Justice Hecht called for discussion on each resolution as presented.

A committee motion on adopting the Public Trust and Confidence Committee Clean Slate Recommendation resolution was made. The resolution was adopted.

A committee motion on adopting the Public Trust and Confidence Committee Civics Education resolution was made. The resolution was adopted.

Motion to adopt the Public Trust and Confidence Committee Report made. The report was adopted.

Criminal Justice Committee Report and consider adoption of the report and resolutions

Megan LaVoie, Executive Director, Texas Judicial Council, presented on behalf of the Criminal Justice Committee Chair, Missy Medary the [Criminal Justice Committee Report](#) and discussed the recommendations and resolutions.

Chief Justice Hecht called for discussion on each resolution as presented.

Committee motion on Criminal Justice Committee Bail and Preventative Detention Recommendations made. The Resolution was adopted.

Committee motion on Criminal Justice Committee Class C Diversion Recommendations made. The Resolution was adopted.

Committee motion on Criminal Justice Committee Judicial Work Product Security Recommendations made. The Resolution was adopted.

Motion to adopt the Criminal Justice Committee Report made. The report was adopted.

Judicial Commission on Mental Health Recommendations

Justice Bill Boyce presented to the Council the Judicial Commission on Mental Health Recommendations and associated Criminal Justice resolution.

Chief Justice Hecht called for discussion on the resolution.

A motion on the Criminal Justice Committee JCMH Recommendations was made. The resolution was adopted.

Data Committee Report and consider adoption of the report and resolutions

Judge Bill Gravell presented on the [Data Committee Report](#), recommendations, and resolution for case-level data collection.

Chief Justice Hecht called for discussion on the resolution as presented.

Committee motion on Data Committee Case Level Data Recommendations made. The resolution was adopted.

Motion to adopt the Data Committee Report made. The report was adopted.

Full Council Resolutions

Megan LaVoie presented on the full Council resolutions.

Chief Justice Hecht called for discussion on the resolutions as presented.

Motion to adopt Ensuring Adequate Court Funding resolution was made. The resolution was adopted.

Motion to adopt the Judicial Compensation Commission Recommendations resolution was made. The resolution was adopted.

Motion to adopt Supporting Adequate Funding for Civil Legal Aid in Texas was made. The resolution was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Justice Hecht noted that this will be Chief Justice Radack's last meeting, recognizing her dedicated contribution to the Council with over 20 years of service.

NEXT MEETING - TBD

Adjourn – 11:41 AM



Hon. Nathan L. Hecht
Chair