

Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 26-9064

Order Granting Petition to Convene Special Three-Judge District Court

It is ordered that:

Pursuant to Section 22A of the Texas Government Code and Rule 14 of the Texas Rules of Judicial Administration, the petition for a special three-judge district court to preside over Cause No. D-1-GN-26-006002, *Midland Independent School District v. Mike Morath, in his official capacity as Commissioner of Education, and the State of Texas*, pending in the 126th District Court of Travis County, Texas, is granted.

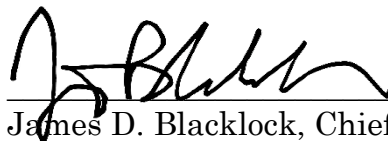
The governing statute dictates that the three-judge court must consist of: (1) the district judge to whom the original case was assigned; (2) a district judge from another county; and (3) a court of appeals justice from a court of appeals district not represented by the other two judges. *See* TEX. GOV'T CODE § 22A.002(a). In compliance with these and the other applicable requirements, I hereby appoint the following members to the three-judge court and order the court to convene:

Hon. Aurora Martinez Jones
Judge, 126th District Court
Travis County, Texas

Hon. Emily Miskel
Justice, Fifth Court of Appeals
Dallas, Texas

Hon. Alfonso Charles
Judge, 124th District Court
Gregg County, Texas

Dated: August 12, 2026, in chambers.



James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice