



TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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HON. SHARON KELLER
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 13, 2024

10:00 AM

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

On December 13, 2024, 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
Ms. Sonia Clayton, Virtual Intelligence Providers, LLC, Houston
Mr. David Dunmoyer, Texas Public Policy Foundation, Pflugerville
Mr. Jon Gimble, District Clerk, McLennan County, Waco
Hon. Bill Gravell, Jr., Constitutional County Judge, Williamson County
Hon. Claudia Laird, Judge, Probate Court No. 1, Montgomery County
Hon. Jeff Leach, State Representative, Allen
Hon. Missy Medary, Judge, 347th District Court, Corpus Christi; Presiding Judge – 5th Region
Hon. Emily Miskel, Justice, 5th Court of Appeals, Dallas
Hon. Valencia Nash, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Place 2, Dallas County
Hon. Kathleen Person, Judge, City of Temple Municipal Court, Temple
Hon. Maggie Sawyer, Justice of the Peace, McCulloch County, Brady
Hon. Reggie Smith, State Representative, Conroe
Hon. Edward J. Spillane, III, Presiding Judge, City of College Station
Hon. Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, Laredo

Members not in attendance were *Ms. Zina Bash, Hon. Jennifer Caughey, Sen. Brandon Creighton, and Hon. Ken Wise.*

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [September 27, 2024](#), meeting minutes were approved as presented.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

FY 2024 Statistical Data Update – Alejandra Peña and Angela Garcia

Alejandra Peña, Director of Data and Research, Office of Court Administration and Angela Garcia, Chief Information Officer, Office of Court Administration, presented on the Fiscal year 2024 statistical data and reporting.

The Hidden Backbone of Justice – Staffing Levels and Salaries of Court Support Personnel – Jeffrey Tsunekawa

Jeffrey Tsunekawa, Director of Court Services, Office of Court Administration, presented on the court personnel workload study of district and statutory county courts in Texas as directed in Rider 15 of the Office of Court Administration's appropriation pattern.

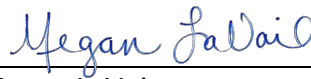
NEW BUSINESS

Megan LaVoie, Executive Director, Texas Judicial Council, Recognized Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht and Presiding Judge Sharon Keller for their leadership and service to the Texas Judicial Council and the Texas Judiciary. The Council presented them with resolutions and gifts in appreciation for their service.

A motion to adopt the resolutions in recognition of Chief Justice Hecht and Presiding Judge Keller was made. The resolutions passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING – TBD

Adjourn – 11:48 am



Megan LaVoie
Executive Director
Texas Judicial Council