

City of San Antonio



Minutes Municipal Court Advisory Committee

2023 – 2025 Council Members

Chair: Jalen McKee Rodriguez, District 2
Teri Castillo, District 5 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, District 6
Marina Alderete Gavito, District 7 | Manny Pelaez, District 8

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

2:00 PM

City Hall

The Municipal Court Advisory Committee convened a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Briefing Room beginning at 2:07 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

Members Present: Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, *Chair*
Teri Castillo, *Member*
Melissa Cabello Havrda, *Member*
Marina Alderete Gavito, *Member*
Manny Pelaez, *Member*

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of the minutes from the Municipal Court Advisory Committee meeting on March 27, 2024.**

Councilmember Castillo moved to Approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Municipal Court Advisory Committee meeting. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez

Briefing and Possible Action on the following items

2. **Interview of applicants for Municipal Court Judges.** [Carla Obledo, Municipal Court]

Chair McKee-Rodriguez announced that there were ten full-time judge positions to fill and all current judges had reapplied and other attorneys also submitted applications.

Chair McKee-Rodriguez recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:06 p.m. The following 17 candidates for full time judge were interviewed in Executive Session per Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters), and discuss related legal issues, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney):

1. Kenneth Bell (incumbent)
2. Melanie Castillo (incumbent)
3. Clarissa L. Chavarria (incumbent)
4. Yvonne Gomez (incumbent)
5. Lisa M. Gonzales (incumbent)
6. Daniel Guerrero (incumbent)
7. Daniel Kassahn (incumbent)
8. Margarita Pol (incumbent)
9. Michael Ramos (incumbent)
10. Peter A. Zamora (incumbent)
11. Anthony Arriaga (new applicant/currently part time judge)
12. Eric Burns (new applicant/currently prosecutor)
13. Ramiro Estrada (new applicant/currently part time judge)
14. Veronica Legarreta (new applicant/currently part time judge)
15. Cheryl Mendoza (new applicant/currently part time judge)
16. Frank D. Sandoval (new applicant/currently part time judge)
17. Mario A. Vega (new applicant/currently part time judge)

Chair McKee-Rodriguez reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:50 p.m. and announced that no official action had been taken in executive session.

Councilmember Castillo moved to recommend the reappointment of Kenneth Bell, Melanie Castillo, Clarissa L. Chavarria, Yvonne Gomez, Lisa M. Gonzales, Daniel Guerrero, Daniel Kassahn, Margarita Pol, Michael Ramos, and Peter A. Zamora for the remainder of an unexpired term ending April 30, 2026 to City Council at the next available A Session meeting. Councilmember Cabello Havrda seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Approved

Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk
