

**JUDICIAL BRANCH CERTIFICATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Third Court of Appeals, Price Daniel, Sr. Building  
209 W. 14th Street, Room 101  
Austin, Texas 78701  
Friday, February 6, 2026  
(10:00 a.m. Until Adjournment)

The meeting of the Judicial Branch Certification Commission (Commission) was called to order by Judge Sid Harle, Chair, at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, February 6, 2026. Members in attendance were Judge Sid Harle; Judge William Sowder; Judge Glen Harrison; Judge David Jahn; Don Ford; Mark Blenden; and Velma Arellano. Ann Murray Moore was in attendance via Zoom. Judge Victor Villarreal was absent (excused).

Staff members in attendance were Ron Morgan, Commission Director; Scott Gibson, Commission General Counsel; Veena Mohan, Prosecuting Attorney; Amy Smith, Investigator; Kaneshia Daniels, Investigator; Tyees Holcombe, Judicial Regulatory Assistant; and Brian Keenan, Criminal History Specialist. Melinda Saucedo, Compliance Manager, was in attendance via Zoom.

Complaint review committee members in attendance were Justiss Rasberry, Process Servers Complaint Review Committee, and Judge Polly Spencer, Certified Guardianship Complaint Review Committee.

Agenda Item III. Opening Remarks

Judge Harle announced the resignation of Kim Tindall, who served as a member on the court reporter's certification advisory board and expressed his thanks. Judge Harle announced he will be stepping away from his position as Chair. He stated it has been an honor and privilege to have served on the Commission.

The Commission Director expressed his thanks to Kim Tindall for her service. He also thanked the commission staff for the work they do. The Commission Director provided an update on the Licensing Department, which completed interpreter examinations for over 40 test takers over the last cycle. Staff are preparing to send the test to the vendor for scoring. The Compliance Department is seeing a steady increase in complaints. The Commission has received 82 complaints since the end of September 2025. Most of the complaints received are related to process servers. There were 177 complaints pending and the board acted on 40 of the complaints. The resolution time for complaints is down 5% from 2024 and down 26% compared to 2023. The Commission Director stated that Complaint Review Committee meetings have been scheduled, to address the complaints that are prepared for action.

He provided an update to the Commission on the OCA Study on Digital Court Recording. He informed the Commission that the Office of Court Administration signed a contract with Texas A&M to conduct the study. The study report will be presented to Judicial Council, the Governor, and the Legislature this fall. The Court Interpreters Advisory Board has continued to make improvements to the curriculum and work on other items to better prepare court interpreters to pass their licensing examination. He also stated that he and commission staff have created a training video that will be made available to help Guardians identify the symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia, and help the guardians better support wards with those conditions. The Commission has partnered with the Court Services Division to develop a study on supported decision-making in guardianship matters in compliance with legislative directives. The Process Servers Advisory Board will meet in the next coming weeks to review rules to better ensure that process servers meet the requirements of the profession, and to address the high volume of complaints

filed with the Commission.

The Director stated at the next scheduled commission meeting he will provide an update on the strategic plan that was presented before the Commission at its May 2025 quarterly meeting. The Director will update the Commission at its next meeting about the progress the Commission has made over the last year.

Judge Sowder thanked Kim Tindall for serving on the Court Reporters Advisory Board.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Upon proper motion by Judge Glen Harrison and second by Judge David Jahn, the Commission voted to approve the November 7, 2025 minutes.

The Prosecuting Attorney presented agenda items V, VI and VII.

Agenda Item V. Commission Disciplinary Actions by Default

**Court Reporters Certification**

- A. In the Matter of Jennifer Hall, cause No. 0779  
Upon proper motion by Judge William Sowder and second by Judge Glen Harrison, the Commission voted to permanently revoke the respondent's court reporter certification effective the date of the Final Order.
- B. In the Matter of Jennifer Hall, Cause No. 0832  
Upon proper motion by Judge William Sowder and second by Judge Glen Harrison, the Commission voted to permanently revoke the respondent's court reporter certification effective the date of the Final Order.

**Guardianship Certification**

- C. In the Matter of Sandra Eavenson, Cause No. 0825  
Upon proper motion by Judge William Sowder and second by Judge Glen Harrison, the Commission voted to permanently refuse to approve the respondent's guardianship certification, effective the date of the Final Order, and assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 due within 12 months after the date of the Final Order.

**Process Servers Certification**

- D. In the Matter of Sheriff Nesimeye, Cause No. 0802  
Upon proper motion by Judge Sowder and second by Judge Glen Harrison, the Commission voted to permanently revoke the respondent's process server certification, effective the date of the Final Order, and assessed an administrative penalty of \$1,000 due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order.
- E. In the Matter of Omolabake Abdalla, Cause No. 0804  
Upon proper motion by Judge Sowder and second by Judge Glen Harrison, the Commission voted to permanently revoke the respondent's process server certification, effective the date of the Final Order, and assessed a \$1,000 administrative penalty due no later than 12 months after the date of the Final Order.
- F. In the Matter of Lucianne Cordero, Cause No. 0830  
Upon proper motion by Judge Sowder and second by Judge Glen Harrison, the Commission voted to permanently refuse to renew the respondent's process server certification, effective the date of the Final Order, and assessed a \$500 administrative penalty due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order.

Agenda Item VI. Agreed Final Orders- Acceptance by Respondents of Penalty and Sanction

**Process Servers Certification**

- A. In the Matter of Folarin Aloba, Cause No. 0754  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to permanently revoke the respondent's process server certification, effective the date of the Final Order, and assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order.
- B. In the Matter of Uchenna Ebejuo, Cause No.0776  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to reprimand the respondent and assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 due within 6 months after the date of the Final Order.
- C. In the Matter of Irewamiri Danmola, Cause No. 0820  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to assess a \$500 administrative penalty due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order.

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- D. In the Matter of Olivia Mata, Cause No. 0781  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to reprimand the respondent and assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order.

Agenda Item VII. Approval of Settlement Agreements

**Process Servers Certification**

- A. In the Matter of Betty Swinners, Cause No. 0759  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to approve the settlement agreement to reprimand the respondent and require that she complete the 7-hour precertification civil process server education course within 6 months after the date of the Final Order. This course is in addition to the continuing education required for certification renewal.
- B. In the Matter of Devin Burdg, Cause No. 0785  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to approve the settlement agreement to reprimand the respondent and require that he complete the 7-hour precertification civil process server education course within 6 months after the date of the Final Order. This course is in addition to the continuing education required for certification renewal.
- C. In the Matter of Gabriel Fonseca, Cause No. 0794  
Upon proper motion by Judge David Jahn and second by Velma Arellano the Commission approved the settlement agreement to place the respondent on a 1-year probated suspension and assess an administrative penalty of \$500 against him due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order.  
Mark Blenden opposed.
- D. In the Matter of Greg Miller, Cause No. 0800  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Glen Harrisson the Commission voted to reject the agreed settlement agreement and revised the sanction to permanently revoke the respondent's process server certification effective the date of the Final Order. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.
- E. In the Matter of Michael Hernandez, Cause No. 0806  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to accept the settlement agreement to reprimand the respondent and assess an administrative penalty of \$500 against him due within 6 months after the date of the Final Order.
- F. In the Matter of Alicia Whitehead, Cause No. 0816  
Upon proper motion by Judge Harrison and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to

accept the settlement agreement to reprimand the Respondent and require that she complete the 7-hour precertification civil process server education course within 6 months after the date of the Final Order. This course is in addition to the continuing education required for certification renewal.

- G. In the Matter of Donald Nowlin, Cause No. 0824  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission voted to accept the settlement agreement to reprimand the respondent.
- H. In the Matter of Jimmie West, Cause No. 0827  
Upon proper motion by Judge David Jahn and second by Mark Blenden, the Commission voted to accept the settlement agreement to reprimand the Respondent and require that he complete the 7-hour precertification civil process server education course within 6 months after the date of the Final Order. This course is in addition to the continuing education required for certification renewal.
- I. In the Matter of Joshua Mamiloghor, Cause Nos. 0828 and 0861  
Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Judge David Jahn, the Commission voted to accept the settlement agreement to permanently revoke the respondent's process server certification effective the date of the Final Order and assess an administrative penalty of \$500 against him due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order.
- J. In the Matter of Sheryl Barrett, Cause No. 0863  
Motion by Mark Blenden to oppose the settlement fails for lack of a second. Upon proper motion by Velma Arellano and second by Judge Glen Harrison, the Commission voted to accept the settlement agreement and place the respondent on a 1-year probated suspension, effective the date of the Final order, and assess an administrative penalty of \$500 due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order. Per the settlement agreement, the respondent must complete the 7-hour precertification civil process server education course within 6 months after the date of the Final Order. This course is in addition to the continuing education required for certification renewal.  
Mark Blenden opposed the motion.

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- K. In the Matter of Jason Mestas, Cause No. 0833  
Upon proper motion by Velma Arellano and second by Judge David Jahn, the Commission voted to accept the settlement agreement and reprimand the respondent and assess an administrative penalty of \$350 against him due no later than 6 months after the date of the Final Order.

The Commission Director presented agenda items VIII, IX, X, and XI.

#### Agenda Item VIII. Administrative Dismissal of Complaints and Requests for Reconsideration

##### **Guardianship Certification**

- A. In the Matter of Cause No. 0917  
Upon proper motion by Don Ford and second by Judge David Jahn, the Commission voted to ratify the dismissal and deny the request for reconsideration.

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- B. In the Matter of Cause No. 0829  
Upon proper motion by Don Ford and second by Judge Sowder, the Commission voted to affirm the administrative dismissal and deny the request for reconsideration.

#### Agenda Item IX. Request for Reconsideration of Denial of Applications- CLOSED SESSION

The Commission convened in closed session at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened in public session at 11:53 a.m.

The Commission considered the applicant's request for reconsideration of Director's denial of the applicant's process server certification renewal. Following discussion, there was no motion to reverse or otherwise alter the Director's denial of the applicant's renewal application for process server certification, thereby allowing the Director's denial to remain in effect.

Agenda Item X. Administrative Dismissal of Complaints

**Guardianship Certification**

Upon proper motion by Don Ford and second by Judge Willam Sowder, the Commission ratified the administrative dismissals of the following complaints.

No Misconduct:

- A. In the Matter of Cause No. 0901
- B. In the Matter of Cause No. 0902
- C. In the Matter of Cause No. 0909

Outside the Jurisdiction of the Commission:

- D. In the Matter of Cause No. 0963

**Process Servers Certification**

Upon proper motion by Mark Blenden and second by Velma Arellano, the Commission ratified the administrative dismissals of the following complaints.

No Misconduct:

- E. In the Matter of Cause No. 0767
- F. In the Matter of Cause No. 0788
- G. In the Matter of Cause No. 0790
- H. In the Matter of Cause No. 0791
- I. In the Matter of Cause No. 0792
- J. In the Matter of Cause No. 0801
- K. In the Matter of Cause No. 0801

**Court Reporters Certification**

Upon proper motion by Velma Arellano and second by Judge William Sowder, the Commission ratified the administrative dismissals of the following complaints.

No Misconduct:

- L. In the Matter of Cause No. 0809
- M. In the Matter of Cause No. 0823

Outside the Jurisdiction of the Commission:

- N. In the Matter of Cause No. 0953

Agenda Item XI. Administrative Matters Relating to the Commission

The next commission meeting is set for Friday, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item XII. Public Comment

There were no public comments

Agenda Item XIII. Closing Remarks

The Commission Director recognized the Commission's Prosecuting Attorney for her hard work and how prepared she is to address each individual case.

Judge Harle too recognized the hard work of the Commission's Prosecuting Attorney and expressed gratitude toward the staff.

Agenda Item XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.



Judge Sid Harle, Chair

May 21, 2026  
Date