

The City of Oklahoma City Council Judiciary Committee
City Council Executive Conference Room
200 N. Walker, 3rd Floor

Minutes of the June 4, 2024 Judiciary Committee Special Meeting

(The agenda was filed with the City Clerk of The City of Oklahoma City at 2:24 p.m., June 3, 2024.)

Members present:

Councilperson Mark Stonecipher, Chairperson, Ward 8
Councilperson Matt Hinkle, Ward 5
Councilperson Matt Hamon, Ward 6
Councilperson Nikki Nice, Ward 7

Staff present:

Debi Martin, Chief of Staff to the City Council
Amy K. Simpson, City Clerk
LaShawn R. Thompson, Assistant City Manager
Gayleen Keeton, Assistant Court Administrator
Carla Chatman, Administrative Manager
Laura McDevitt, Deputy Municipal Counselor

I. Call to Order.

Councilperson Stonecipher called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. Approval of the minutes of the May 7, 2024, Special Judiciary Committee meeting.

Councilperson Hinkle made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024, Special Judiciary Committee meeting. Councilperson Nice seconded the motion. Ayes: Hamon, Hinkle, Nice and Stonecipher.

III. Discuss and/or recommend to Council the appointment of Donald O. Kiffin as a Municipal Judge a two year term beginning July 1, 2024;

Councilperson Nice made a motion to recommend to Council the appointment of Donald O. Kiffin as a Municipal Judge for a two year term beginning July 1, 2024. Councilperson Hinkle seconded the motion. Ayes: Hamon, Hinkle, Nice and Stonecipher.

and/or Enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. (2022 Supp.) §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment and appointment of Donald O. Kiffin as a Municipal Judge.

IV. Discuss and/or recommend to Council the appointment of Kendal H. Tawwater as a Municipal Judge a two year term beginning July 1, 2024;

and/or Enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. (2022 Supp.) §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment and appointment of Kendal H. Tawwater as a Municipal Judge.

Councilperson Hinkle made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. (2022 Supp.) §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment and appointment of Kendal H. Tawwater as a Municipal Judge. Councilperson Hamon seconded the motion. Ayes: Hamon, Hinkle, Nice and Stonecipher.

Councilperson Nice made a motion to recommend to Council the appointment of Kendal H. Tawwater as a Municipal Judge a two year term beginning July 1, 2024. Councilperson Hinkle seconded the motion. Ayes: Hamon, Hinkle, Nice and Stonecipher.

V. Discuss and/or recommend to Council the designation of a Municipal Judge as Vice-Presiding Judge for a one year term beginning July 1, 2024;

Councilperson Hinkle made a motion to recommend to Council the designation of a Municipal Judge Donald O. Kiffin as Vice-Presiding Judge for a one year term beginning July 1, 2024; Councilperson Nice seconded the motion. Ayes: Hamon, Hinkle, Nice and Stonecipher.

and/or Enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. (2022 Supp.) §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment of the Municipal Judges.

VI. Discuss and/or recommend to Council the appointment of the following as Special Municipal Judges for a two year term beginning July 1, 2024:

**Jeffrey Black
Claudia Conner
Larry Hazelwood
Gary Henry
Walter Suttle
Philip Winters
Paula Wood**

Councilperson Hinkle made a motion to recommend to Council the appointment of the Special Municipal Judges listed above for a two year term beginning July 1, 2024. Councilperson Nice seconded the motion. Ayes: Hamon, Hinkle, Nice and Stonecipher.

Councilperson Nice recommended a question about the performance of the Special Judges be added to the annual Judicial Survey.

and/or Enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. (2022 Supp.) §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment and appointment of Special Municipal Judges.

VII. Enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. (2022 Supp.) §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment of the Municipal Judges.

Councilperson Nice made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. (2022 Supp.) §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment of the Municipal Judges. Councilperson Hinkle seconded the motion. Ayes: Hamon, Hinkle, Nice and Stonecipher.

VIII. Comments from Judiciary Committee Members.

IX. Adjourn.

Councilperson Stonecipher adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.