

TEXAS JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes

Date: October 9, 2020

Convene: 10:00 am

Attendance: Megan LaVoie

<u>Members in Attendance</u> William Strawn, Chair Carlos Amaral, Sr. Alejandro Cestero Conrith Davis Rebeca Huddle Linda Kinney Curt Nelson Scott Salmans

Texas Judiciary's Response to COVID-19

David Slayton presented on the Texas Judiciary's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of Zoom, additional judicial responsibility, and current statistics on hearings and trials.

Judicial Compensation Legislation and HB 2384

Judge Alfonso Charles updated the Commission on the current legislation, specifically details of HB 2384.

Judicial Demographics and Salaries

Angela Garcia presented on the judicial demographics and current salaries of the Texas Judiciary. This included comparison of the top five most populous states and historical judicial salary raises in comparison to inflation.

Next Steps

The Commission voiced concerns on judicial salary comparisons, and the future report for the legislature, including the impact on the judiciary with COVID and other duties. Mr. Cestrero would like to see more research on the workload for the judiciary based on population demographics and current COVID-19 pandemic duties.

Next meeting: TBD, early November.

Adjourn – 11:21 am