JUDICIAL BRANCH CERTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Virtual Meeting conducted by Zoom
Friday, September 4, 2026
(12:15 p.m. Until Adjournment)

Judge William Sowder, Commission Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m., on Friday, September 4, 2026. Other members present were Judge Glen Harrison; Don Ford; Mark Blenden; and Velma Arellano. Members not present were Judge Victor Villarreal; Judge Terence Davis; Judge David Jahn; and Ann Murray Moore.

Staff members present were Ron Morgan, Commission Director; Scott Gibson, Commission General Counsel; Veena Mohan, Prosecuting Attorney; Melinda Saucedo, Compliance Manager; and Amy Smith, Investigator.

Agenda Item III. Opening Remarks

Judge Sowder thanked the staff and Commission members. The Commission Director also thanked the staff and members.

Agenda Item IV. Cease-and-Desist Hearing

A. In the Matter of Gerardo Alva, Cause No. 1123

Gerardo Alva and Minerva Villarreal, Court Coordinator for the 341st District Court in El Paso, Texas, were present by Zoom.

Ms. Mohan presented the matter to the Commission. Ms. Villarreal provided testimony, and Mr. Alva presented his response and provided testimony.

Ms. Arellano moved and Mr. Ford seconded the motion to continue the Cease-and-Desist Order until the complaint is resolved by the Commission. The motion carried.

Agenda Item V. Administrative Matters

The Commission Director provided information only on item A, and no vote was necessary.

A. Next Commission Meeting – Friday November 6, 2026

Agenda Item VI. Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Agenda Item VII. Closing Remarks

Judge Sowder again thanked the members and staff.

Agenda Item XVII. Adjournment

Judge Sowder adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Victor Villarreal

Judge William Sowder, Vice Chair
Victor Villarreal for

11/6/2026
Date