



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

CJC No. 25-1038

INQUIRY CONCERNING

**HONORABLE LINDA WALLACE
RAINS COUNTY JUDGE
EMORY, RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

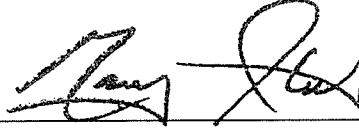
Be it known that on July 8, 2025, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct was presented with a copy of an Indictment handed up on June 20, 2025, by the duly constituted Grand Jury of the 8th Judicial District Court, in Cause No. 6749, styled *State of Texas vs. Linda Wallace* (the "Indictment," a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein for all relevant purposes).

Having considered the indictment, the Commission concluded that Judge Wallace is charged with one count of Tampering with a Witness, a Third-Degree Felony. The Commission determined that **LINDA WALLACE** should be **SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY** from the judicial office as the current and/or holdover County Judge for Rains County, Texas, pursuant to the authority contained in Article V, Sec. 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution and Rule 15(a) of the Texas Procedural Rules for the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and such suspension remain in effect until the charges set forth in the Indictment are dismissed, Judge Wallace is acquitted of all charges in the Indictment, the County Commissioners Court appoints a successor that is duly qualified to the office of county judge, or upon further order(s) of the Commission.

Accordingly, effective immediately, it is hereby **ORDERED** that **LINDA WALLACE** be **SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY**, from office as the current and/or holdover County Judge of Rains County, Texas. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that this suspension shall remain in effect until the charges set forth in the indictment are dismissed,

Judge Wallace is acquitted of all charges in the indictment, the County Commissioners Court appoints a successor that is duly qualified to the office of county judge, or upon further order(s) of the Commission. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the Commission retains the authority to reconsider this Order should additional information not yet received warrant such action.

ISSUED on the 8th day of July 2025, at 11:40 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Steel', is written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Gary Steel, Chair
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Prosecutor Case Number:
TRN:

FILED FOR RECORD
A/215 O'clock P.M.

Cause No. 6749

JUN 30 2025

Court: 8th Judicial District Court

LAURA PATE, DISTRICT CLERK
RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: LP DEPUTY

The State of Texas Vs. Linda Wallace

Charge: Tampering with a Witness, 36.05 Penal Code. Third Degree Felony

Count 1

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURY, for the County of Rains, State of Texas, duly selected impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such at the January Term A.D. 2025 of the 8th Judicial District Court for said County, upon their oaths present in and to said court at said term that Linda Wallace, hereinafter styled Defendant, on or about May 28, 2025, and before the presentment of this indictment, in the County and State aforesaid, did coerce Jennifer Patterson, who was a prospective witness in an official proceeding, the criminal matter titled State of Texas v. Robert Jenkins Franklin, by pressuring her as supervisor of her employment with intent to influence Jennifer Patterson to withhold testimony in the official proceeding;

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Jean Meize
Foreperson of the Grand Jury