

FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS

Texas Health and Human Services Commission v. Rebecca Murie

Murie · No. 15-25-00206-CV · Decided January 6, 2026

SUMMARY

Texas Health and Human Services Commission filed an unopposed motion seeking a 30-day extension of the deadline to file its appellate brief in its appeal from a judgment concerning Rebecca Murie. The motion states that counsel’s unforeseen personal emergency and illness necessitated additional time and requests extending the deadline from January 7, 2026, to February 6, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Fifteenth Court of Appeals of Texas
JURISDICTION	Texas
DECIDED	January 6, 2026
DOCKET	15-25-00206-CV
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appellant Texas Health and Human Services Commission filed an unopposed motion under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 26(b) to extend by thirty days the deadline for filing its appellate brief.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential procedural filing
PARTIES	Texas Health and Human Services Commission v. Rebecca Murie

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- administrative law
- health law

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- administrative law
- health law
- civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the appellate court should grant the Commission's unopposed motion under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 26(b) to extend the deadline for filing its brief.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The underlying appeal concerns a final judgment reversing a decision of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission as to Rebecca Murie. The Commission's appellate brief was due January 7, 2026. Its counsel requested additional time because of an unforeseen personal emergency and illness, and sought a thirty-day extension.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The appeal concerns a final judgment of the 53rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, reversing the Commission's decision concerning Rebecca Murie. The Commission's brief was due January 7, 2026, and the Commission requested an extension until February 6, 2026. The motion states that it was the Commission's first extension request and that appellee's counsel did not oppose it.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

ACCEPTED 15-25-00206-CV FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS AUSTIN, TEXAS 1/6/2026 4:23 PM No. 15-25-00206-CV CHRISTOPHER A. PRINE CLERK FILED IN In the Fifteenth District Court of Appeals, Austin, 15th TexasCOURT OF APPEALS AUSTIN, TEXAS 1/6/2026 4:23:47 PM TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION, CHRISTOPHER A. PRINE Appellants, Clerk v. REBECCA MURIE, Appellee.

On Appeal from the 53rd District Court of Travis County, Texas The Honorable Jan Soifer, Presiding APPELLANT TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND TIME PURSUANT TO RULE 26(B) TO THE HONORABLE FIFTH COURT OF APPEALS: NOW COMES Appellant, Texas Health and Human Services Commission ("HHSC"), pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 26(b) and moves the Court to extend the time for filing their brief and states in support as follows: 1.

The appellate matter concerns an appeal from a final judgment reversing HHSC's decision as to Rebecca Murie. 2. HHSC's brief is due to be filed on January 7, 2026. 3. The undersigned counsel, who is charged with drafting Appellant's brief, needs additional time due to an unforeseen personal emergency and illness. 4. HHSC now files this motion seeking to have the deadline for the filing of their brief extended for 30-days to February 6, 2026.

5. This is Appellant's first request for an extension and this motion is made in good faith in an event to preserve judicial economy and not for delay. 6. Appellant has conferred with Appellee's Counsel and is unopposed. WHEREFORE, Movant prays that this Court grants the relief sought herein. Respectfully submitted, KEN PAXTON Attorney General of Texas BRENT WEBSTER

First Assistant Attorney General RALPH MOLINA Deputy First Assistant Attorney General AUSTIN KINGHORN Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation ERNEST C. GARCIA Chief, Administrative Law Division /s/ Sherlyn Harper_____ SHERLYN HARPER State Bar No. 24093176 Assistant Attorney General Administrative Law Division Office of the Texas Attorney General P. O. Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548 Phone: 713-225-8913 Facsimile: 512-320-0167 Texas Health and Human Services Commission Unopposed Motion to Extend Time to File Brief Case No. 15-25-00206-CV Page 2 of 3 sherlyn.harper@oag.texas.gov Attorneys for Appellant CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that on January 6, 2026, a true and correct copy of the above and forgoing document has been served to the following party of record via electronic service and/or electronic mail: Norman R. Ladd SBN: 24041285 nladd@laddtxlaw.com Prema Autry SBN: 24082357 pautry@laddtxlaw.com Ladd Law Firm, P.L.L.C.

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