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In The  
**Court of Appeals**  
**Fifth District of Texas at Dallas**

**No. 05-26-00180-CV**

**IN RE ANITA HUTCHINGS, Relator**

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**Original Proceeding from the County Court at Law No. 4**  
**Dallas County, Texas**  
**Trial Court Cause No. CC-25-02703-D**

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION ON MOTION FOR REHEARING**

Before Justices Garcia, Kennedy, and Barbare  
Opinion by Justice Kennedy

Before the Court is relator's February 17, 2026 Motion for Leave to File Amended Petition, which we construe as a motion for rehearing of our February 17, 2026 memorandum opinion and order denying relief. We deny the motion for rehearing. On our own motion, we withdraw our opinion and vacate our order of February 17, 2026, and issue this new memorandum opinion and order in their stead. This is now the opinion of the Court.

Relator filed an amended petition for writ of mandamus in which she asks the Court to direct the trial court to enter the December 11, 2025 Order Denying Motion for New Trial. Reducing a decision to final judgment has three phases: (1) rendition, (2) signing, and (3) entry. *Baker v. Bizzle*, 687 S.W.3d 285, 291 (Tex. 2024). While

rendition and signing are judicial acts, entry is a clerical action taken by the court clerk. *Id.* We cannot issue a writ of mandamus against the Dallas County Clerk unless it is necessary to enforce our jurisdiction in another proceeding. *See* Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 22.221(a)–(b); *In re Morgan*, No. 05-22-01116-CV, 2022 WL 15703043, at \*1 (Tex. App.—Dallas Oct. 28, 2022, orig. proceeding) (mem. op.).

Accordingly, we dismiss relator's petition. We deny relator's motion for rehearing and deny relator's emergency motion as moot.

/Nancy Kennedy/  
NANCY E. KENNEDY  
JUSTICE