

# JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 11, 2003

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on February 11, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

## COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman Joe Shipley  
Judith O'Neill  
Cecil Patterson  
Linda Rottman  
Marilyn Wilson

## COMMITTEE ABSENT

James Keppel  
Joan Ruffennach

## STAFF PRESENT

Denise Bleyle  
Kathleen Broman  
Pat Granillo  
Brian Poulson

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

Chairman Shipley arrived at the meeting at 8:07 a.m. and excused Boardmembers Keppel and Ruffennach from the meeting.

1. Approve minutes of the January 8, 2003 meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Rottman, seconded by Boardmember Patterson, that the minutes of the January 8, 2003 meeting be approved.

Vice Chairman O'Neill declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Review and consider items related to the reappointment of Magistrates Norine Richardson and Karl Eppich, whose terms expire June 30, 2003.

Discussion ensued among the Boardmembers relative to the number of cases and appeals attributed to Magistrate Karl Eppich. Management Assistant Denise Bleyle explained that although this is Judge Eppich's first reappointment, he began his term in October 2000, (as opposed to July 2001 when Magistrate Norine Richardson's term commenced) and therefore, his statistical data relative to the amount of cases/appeals may be somewhat higher than that of Magistrate Richardson. She added that she would provide the Board with similar statistics for the other Mesa City Court Magistrates to assist the members in comparing the efficiency and effectiveness of those individuals as well.

a. Review Application for Reappointment and assign reference checks

Ms. Bleyle stated that the Board has been provided copies of the completed Application for Reappointment for both Magistrate Norine Richardson and Magistrate Karl Eppich.

The following reference checks were assigned to the various members of the Board:

Judge Richardson:

Robbin Coulon, Walter Switzer	Boardmember Patterson
Fulton Brock, Jacqueline Williams	Chairman Shipley
Mark Williams, William Oroarty	
Kimberly Anderson, Diana Braaten	Vice Chairman O'Neill
Valerie L. Boyer-Wells, Penny Willrich	Boardmember Wilson
Ted Williams, Phil Westbrooks	Boardmember Rottman

Judge Eppich:

Michelle O'Hair-Schattenberg, Robert Gorman	Vice Chairman O'Neill
Ernest Apodaca, Scott Green	Boardmember Wilson
Patricia Tracey, Martha Asburn	Boardmember Keppel
Jeremy Phillips, Shab Amiri	
Greg McCarthy, Conrad Mallek	Boardmember Patterson
Michelle Lue Sang, Andrew Gould	

b. Response from Commission on Judicial Conduct

Chairman Shipley advised that the Board has received a letter from the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct which indicated that the Commission has taken no significant disciplinary action on behalf of either Magistrates Richardson or Eppich.

c. Publicity

Ms. Bleyle advised the Boardmembers that with regard to this agenda item, legal advertisements will be placed by the Mesa City Clerk's Office, news releases will be submitted to the media, and community outreach will be accomplished through the utilization of Mesa Channel 11.

d. Survey results

Ms. Bleyle reported that not only has the Board been provided copies of the results of a survey that was recently conducted relative to the reappointments, but for all of the City Magistrates as well. She explained that the only portion of the survey results which will be released to the media is the statistical data and that the "Comments" section will remain confidential and only be used by the Board for informational purposes. Ms. Bleyle stated that the survey results will be forwarded to Magistrates Richardson and Eppich for their review prior to the interview session. She added that she would also provide the Boardmembers with a copy of Magistrate Richardson's survey results from her previous reappointment to be used for comparative purposes.

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Ms. Bleyle informed the Boardmembers that the next meeting will be on March 5, 2003, with a Board dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by a 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing/Interview of Magistrate Norine Richardson and a 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing/Interview of Magistrate Karl Eppich.

4. Convene an Executive Session.

- a. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. (A.R.S. 38-431.03A (1).

It was moved by Vice Chairman O'Neill, seconded by Boardmember Patterson, that an Executive Session be convened at 8:25 a.m.

Chairman Shipley declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

The following agenda items were discussed during Executive Session:

Public comments  
Review interview questions

It was moved by Vice Chairman O'Neill, seconded by Boardmember Rottman, that the Board reconvene their regular meeting at 9:05 a.m. and the Executive Session adjourn.

Chairman Shipley declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2003. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK