

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 4, 1998

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 March 4, 1998, at 8:09 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman Marilyn Wilson
Sylvia Garcia-Suttle
James R. Hart II
John Kerr
Robert D. Myers
Judith C.R. O'Neill

COMMITTEE ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Linda Crocker
Barbara Jones
Ellen Pence
Kelly Walsh
Others

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

Bev Hart
Others

Chairman Wilson welcomed Mayor Brown to the meeting.

1. Approve minutes of the February 11, 1998 Judicial Advisory Board.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Hart, seconded by Boardmember Myers, that the minutes of the February 11, 1998 Judicial Advisory Board meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

2. Review status of reappointments of Presiding City Magistrate Walter Switzer and Magistrates Robin Allen and Rebecca Standage.

Assistant to the City Manager and Board Liaison Ellen Pence informed the Board that applications have been received from City Magistrates Robin Allen and Rebecca Standage. Ms. Pence noted that recently appointed Presiding City Magistrate Walter Switzer was granted a one-week extension on his application submission and stated that Judge Switzer's application is due by Friday, March 6, 1998.

Ms. Pence informed the Board that City Court staff has been requested to prepare mailing labels for the reappointment surveys and added that she has contacted the consultant, Mr. James Riggs, who has agreed to conduct the survey. Ms. Pence reported that as soon as Judge Switzer's application is received, the survey process will commence.

3. Proposed Interview Schedule for New City Magistrate Positions.

Boardmember O'Neill recommended that the proposed interview schedule for March 25 and 26, 1998 be revised and that the interview sessions for both days begin at 12:30 p.m. rather than the previously scheduled 8:00 a.m.

Boardmember Myers expressed the opinion that two half-day sessions should provide sufficient time in which to conduct the candidate interviews.

Brief discussion ensued relative to this issue and Chairman Wilson stated that it is the consensus of the Board that the March 25 and 26, 1998 interview sessions be scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. Ms. Pence commented that lunch will be provided in the Gold Room at 11:30 a.m. on both days.

4 Convene into an Executive Session to review the applications of candidates for magistrate.

It was moved by Boardmember Myers, seconded by Boardmember Kerr, that the Board enter into an Executive Session and that the Judicial Advisory Board meeting adjourn at 8:15 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

5 Reconvene into a public session to name the candidates who will be interviewed.

The Judicial Advisory Board meeting reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman Wilson stated that the Board will announce the names of the candidates to be interviewed for the two existing City Magistrate vacancies. Chairman Wilson added that the Board may choose to forward up to a maximum of six names to the Council to consider for the appointment of candidates to both positions.

It was moved by Boardmember Myers, seconded by Boardmember O'Neill, that the following candidates be interviewed for the two (2) existing City Magistrate positions:

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| 1) Martha Ashburn | 8) Janice Marquez |
| 2) Cynthia Certa | 9) Gunn McKay |
| 3) Donnelly Dybus | 10) Dea Montague |
| 4) James Fritz | 11) Lynn Potts |
| 5) Kevin (Roger) Hays | 12) Laura Reckart |
| 6) James Hazel | 13) Norine Richardson |
| 7) Michelle Lue Sang | 14) Steve Williams |

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Wilson commented that the above fourteen (14) candidates will be invited to participate in the interview process for the two City Magistrate positions. Chairman Wilson added that the interviews will be occur on March 25 and 26 1998 at 12:30 p.m. Chairman Wilson stated that Senior Personnel Analyst Kelly Walsh will prepare an interview schedule for the Board and noted that all of the interviews will be conducted within the two-day period of time.

In response to a question from Boardmember O'Neill, City Attorney Neal Beets advised that the interviews will be conducted in open session and added that the public may attend the interview sessions.

6. Adjournment.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Hart, seconded by Boardmember Myers, that the meeting adjourn at 10:06 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

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 4th day of March 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK