

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 14, 1998

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Mesa City Plaza Building, Suite 750, 20 East Main Street, on January 14, 1998, at 5:12 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman Marilyn Wilson
Sylvia Garcia-Suttle
James R. Hart II
John Kerr
Ruth V. McGregor
Judith C.R. O'Neill

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Robert D. Myers

STAFF PRESENT

Neal Beets
Linda Crocker
Barbara Jones
Ellen Pence

STAFF ABSENT

None

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Cameron Morgan
Robbie Sherwood
Marilynn Wennerstrom

Boardmember McGregor participated in the meeting via conference call.

Chairman Wilson advised that Boardmember Myers had indicated his intention to participate in the meeting by phone, but staff has been unable to contact him at this time. Chairman Wilson excused Boardmember Myers from the meeting.

1. Consider the request by Cameron Morgan for a two-week extension to respond to various reports regarding Judge Harold Reeb.

Chairman Wilson advised that at the December 30, 1997 Board meeting, the members agreed to request and consider the Interim Report prepared by Special Counsel Gary L. Stuart. Chairman Wilson added that as a result of that decision, the Board granted Mr. Cameron Morgan, Presiding City Magistrate Harold Reeb's attorney, an additional two weeks in which to submit his response to the Board. Chairman Wilson added that the size of Mr. Morgan's response was also increased by 5 pages to a total of 15 double spaced pages. Chairman Wilson clarified that the Board did not request that Mr. Morgan respond specifically to the Interim Report but granted additional time to respond to any topic he deemed appropriate.

Chairman Wilson informed those present that a request has been received from Mr. Morgan for an additional two-week extension, until January 28, 1998, for submission of his response to the Board.

Vice Chairman Hart and Boardmember McGregor stated that they are in favor of approving the two-week extension.

Vice Chairman Hart commented on the fact that he has reviewed the report and that there are a number of issues which require responses. Vice Chairman Hart expressed the opinion that an additional two-week extension is reasonable and appropriate.

Boardmembers O'Neill and Kerr concurred with Vice Chairman Hart's remarks.

In response to a question from Boardmember O'Neill, Mr. Morgan advised that he has only received a portion of the materials for review.

City Attorney Neal Beets advised that from the City's standpoint, there are no additional materials other than those already provided Mr. Morgan. Mr. Beets added that Mr. Stuart could be contacted in an effort to determine whether any additional information exists which Mr. Morgan should review.

Mr. Morgan stated that he will pursue obtaining copies of all interviews and added that he would appreciate as long an extension as the Board determines is appropriate.

Boardmember O'Neill recommended that Mr. Morgan be granted an additional three-week extension in which to prepare his response to the Board.

Vice Chairman Hart and Boardmember Garcia-Suttle stated that they support a three-week extension.

Boardmember McGregor indicated that she would support the three-week extension provided no additional extensions are requested.

Chairman Wilson commented on the number of submission extensions that have been granted and noted that the report will constitute a small portion of the materials that will be considered by the Board.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Hart, seconded by Boardmember O'Neill, that Mr. Cameron Morgan, attorney for Presiding City Magistrate Harold Reeb, be granted an additional three-week extension in which to prepare and submit his response to the Board.

Chairman Wilson noted that the extension would be until February 4, 1998.

Chairman Wilson declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Mr. Morgan expressed appreciation to the members of the Board for their cooperation.

(Chairman Wilson advised that the next meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Wilson added that it has been recommended that a regular meeting time be established. Ms. Pence stated that this item will be placed on the agenda of the February 11th meeting, to establish meeting times, in addition to the recruitment of a new City magistrate.)

2. Adjournment.

It was moved by Boardmember Kerr, seconded by Boardmember Hart, that the meeting adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

Chairman Wilson declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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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 14th day of January 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