

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 1, 2000

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on February 1, 2000 at 8:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman John Kerr
James R. Hart, II
James Keppel
Judith O'Neill
Cecil Patterson
Joe Shipley
Marilyn Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Kathy Barrett
Denise Bleyle
Linda Crocker
Barbara Jones
Ellen Pence
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

None

COMMITTEE ABSENT

None

Chairman Kerr excused Boardmembers Wilson and Shipley from the beginning of the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes of previous meetings.

It was moved by Boardmember O'Neill, seconded by Boardmember Patterson, that the minutes of the January 5, 2000 meeting be approved.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Review plans for public hearings and interviews of five magistrates.

a. Scheduling of interviews

Chairman Kerr indicated that he would not be able to attend the scheduled February 29, 2000 meeting to interview candidates for the Magistrate positions. Discussion ensued relative to this meeting and the Board decided to change the date of the meeting to March 7, 2000 and the March 8, 2000 interview session will remain unchanged.

b. Applications for reappointment

Assistant to the City Manager Ellen Pence stated that staff has prepared individual notebooks for each of the five magistrates and reviewed the contents of the information contained in the notebooks.

c. Publicity

Ms. Pence provided a brief overview of staff's proposal to advertising the hearing/interview sessions and solicit public input. Ms. Pence added that the City Clerk's Office will also follow Board guidelines and advertise the hearings in the newspaper as required.

d. Statistics on cases and appeals

Ms. Pence pointed out that the notebooks contain a section on cases and appeals and stated the opinion that the information will assist the members of the Board in reviewing the efficiency and effectiveness of the judges.

e. Survey results

Ms. Pence noted that behind each of the judges' names in the notebook, copies of their survey results have been provided and said that the data includes both statistical information and comments from respondents. Ms. Pence added that the cumulative survey results for all of the judges is located behind the statistical information.

3. Executive Session

It was moved by Boardmember Shipley, seconded by Boardmember O'Neill, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:19 a.m.

The following agenda items were discussed during executive session:

- f. Review interview questions
- g. Assign Boardmembers to check references and visit courtrooms

4. Reconvene Boardmeeting

The meeting of Judicial Advisory Board reconvened at 8:56 a.m.

5. Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:57 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 1st day of February, 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK