

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 7, 2001

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 7, 2001 at 8:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE ABSENT

James Keppel

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Bleyle
Kathleen Broman
Linda Crocker
Ellen Pence

Chairman Kerr excused Boardmember Patterson from the beginning of the meeting and Boardmember Keppel from the entire meeting. Boardmember Patterson joined the meeting at 8:09 a.m.

1. Approve minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2001.

It was moved by Boardmember Wilson, seconded by Boardmember Shipley, that the minutes of the January 3, 2001 meeting be approved.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Review and consider items related to the reappointments of Magistrate Victor Ortiz and Magistrate Norine Richardson, whose terms expire June 30, 2001.

- A. Completed applications for reappointment.
- B. Survey Results

Management Assistant Denise Bleyle stated that the Board has been provided copies of the completed applications and the results of the surveys that were recently conducted relative to the reappointments. Ms. Bleyle added that the court statistics contained a clerical area and incorrectly stated that Judge Ortiz had been the recipient of 8 Notices of Change when, in

actuality, there was only one. Ms. Bleyle said that she has placed corrected copies of that page in the Boardmembers' packets. Ms. Bleyle also informed the members of the Board that copies of the survey results have been forwarded to both Judge Ortiz and Judge Richardson and also to Judge Switzer for their review prior to the interview sessions.

In response to a request from Boardmember Shipley, Human Resource Analyst Kathleen Broman stated that she will contact the company that performed the credit checks and request a copy of a key to assist the members of the Board in interpreting the various symbols found on the applicants' credit reports.

Ms. Bleyle responded to a request from the members of Board and said she will ask the consultant who conducted the surveys to provide a separate breakdown of defendant and plaintiff comments rather than a total number for both.

C. Courtroom Schedules

Ms. Bleyle noted that a listing of the scheduled courtroom appearances for both Judge Richardson and Judge Ortiz has also been included in the packets distributed to the Board.

D. Assign Reference Checks

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

Judge Ortiz:

Gary Husk and Hector Campoy	Boardmember Patterson
Larry Baca, Jordan Barber, Allen Jacobs	Vice Chairman O'Neill
Justine Jimmy, Diana Braaten, Garrett Smith	Boardmember Wilson
Robert Chambers, Salvador Castro, Jr.	Boardmember Shipley

Judge Richardson:

Robbin Coulon, Walter Switzer	Boardmember Patterson
Fulton Brock, Jacqueline Williams, Diana Braaten	Boardmember Wilson
Mark Williams, Charles Schock, Roy Horton	Vice Chairman O'Neill
Valerie Boyer-Wells, Lowell Hamilton	Chairman Kerr
Ted Williams, Penny Willrich	Boardmember Shipley

Note: Boardmember Hart will contact the Public Defenders/Prosecutors if those names are not already included on the above list of references. Ms. Bleyle will pursue this information and advise Boardmember Hart of her findings.

E. Review questions.

It was moved by Boardmember Wilson, seconded by Boardmember Patterson that the Board convene an Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the proposed interview questions at 8:31 a.m.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Executive Session ended at 8:52 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:53 a.m.)

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Ms. Bleyle informed the Boardmembers that the next meeting will be on March 7, 2001, with a Board dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by a 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing/Interview of Magistrate Victor Ortiz (4-year term) and a 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing/Interview of Magistrate Norine Richardson (2-year term).

Assistant to the City Manager Ellen Pence stated that upcoming redistricting responsibilities will require a majority of her time and said that Denise Bleyle will be the Board's new full-time staff support person.

Chairman Kerr and the members of the Board thanked Ms. Pence for the excellent job she has done and said that they look forward to working with Ms. Bleyle.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:59 p.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 7th day of February, 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2001

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK