

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 3, 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 January 3, 2001 at 8:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Cecil Patterson

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Bleyle
Kathleen Broman
Pat Granillo
Ellen Pence
Pam Thompson

Chairman Kerr excused Boardmember Patterson from the meeting.

1. Approve minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2000.

It was moved by Boardmember O'Neill, seconded by Boardmember Hart, that the minutes of the December 6, 2000 meeting be approved.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

A. Application for reappointment.

There were no revisions made to the Application for Reappointment.

B. Schedule for meeting and interviews.

Assistant to the City Manager and Board Liaison Ellen Pence reviewed the proposed schedule for future Board meetings (See Attached).

Boardmember Keppel advised the Board that he will be unable to attend the March 7, 2001 Judicial Advisory Board meeting due to prior commitments.

C. Review questions.

It was moved by Boardmember Hart, seconded by Boardmember Keppel, that an Executive Session be convened at 8:10 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the interview questions.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The members of the Board reviewed the interview questions and determined which questions would be posed to the candidates by each Boardmember at the March 7, 2001 Judicial Advisory Board meeting.)

It was moved by Boardmember Shipley, seconded by Boardmember Hart, that the Executive Session be concluded.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(At 8:15 a.m., the Board reconvened their regular meeting and the Executive Session adjourned.)

D. Publicity.

Ms. Pence advised the Boardmembers that with regard to this agenda item, two 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. In response to a question from Boardmember Hart, Ms. Pence clarified that if an individual desires to provide input regarding the reappointment of the above-listed magistrates, a letter may be submitted to the Board, in care of the Personnel Division. Ms. Pence added that the March 7, 2001 meeting will consist of two parts: 1. a public hearing, in which citizens can express their opinions concerning the reappointments, and 2. the actual interviews of Magistrate Ortiz and Magistrate Richardson conducted by the Boardmembers.

2. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

The scheduling of meetings was discussed under agenda item 2B. Ms. Pence reiterated that the next Judicial Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2001 at 8:00 a.m.

Boardmember Wilson requested that staff provide the Boardmembers with a time schedule indicating when Judge Ortiz and Judge Richardson will be conducting business in their courtrooms. Boardmember Wilson stressed the importance of having an opportunity to visit and assess the judges' performance.

Presiding City Magistrate Walter Switzer thanked the Boardmembers for their recommendation to the City Council for the appointment of City Magistrate Karl Eppich.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:20 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 3rd day of January, 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

Attachment
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**JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD
WORK PLAN, MAY 2000 - JUNE 2001**

Recommendation of City Magistrates eligible for reappointment

Oct. 4, 2000 (cancelled)
Nov. 1, 2000 (cancelled)

Dec. 6, 2000

JAB meeting, 8 a.m., Council Chambers
Begin the process for reappointment of Magistrates Norine Richardson and Magistrate Victor Ortiz, whose terms expire June 30, 2001.
Review reappointment application for modifications and schedule; develop draft questions.

Jan. 3, 2001

JAB meeting, 8 a.m., Council Chambers
Finalize format for interview; finalize questions; Applications for reappointment are sent by Board Chairman to magistrates with a deadline of Friday, Jan. 26, 2001
Surveys distributed to City Court employees, Police officers, City Prosecutors.
Collect statistics on number of cases, number of days case is pending, number of notices of change of judges, number of active and completed appeals.
Make inquiry to Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Feb. 7, 2001

JAB meeting, 8 a.m., Council Chambers
Review applications for reappointment; assign reference checks and courtroom visits; review survey results and statistics

March 7, 2001

JAB meeting, 6 p.m., Council Chambers
Public hearings and interviews of Judge Richardson and Judge Ortiz; recommendations to City Council

March-April, 2001

Council review of recommendation and videotapes; possible interviews and decision