



JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 7, 2019

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 August 7, 2019 at 7:46 a.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Wade Swanson, Chairperson
Michael Brown
Kevin Humphrey
Daniel Kiley
Gordon Sheffield
Charles Wirken

BOARD ABSENT

May Costa

STAFF PRESENT

Nicole Fazio
Agnes Goodwine
Alfred Smith
Matt Tafoya

Chairperson Swanson excused Boardmember Costa from the entire meeting.

1. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

3. Review, discuss and take action on items related to the appointment process and application for Mesa Magistrate Vacancy.

Presiding Magistrate Matt Tafoya addressed the Board relative to the candidate appointment process. He expressed his confidence in the boardmembers' experience and recruitment process and noted that the best candidates will be selected and referred to the Council.

Presiding Magistrate Tafoya announced that Mesa Municipal Court has been recognized as the leading court in the state relative to its technological advancements and paperless system. He added the Court was recently awarded the Outstanding Achievement 2019 Large City Livability during the 87th Annual United States Conference of Mayors. He noted the award recognizes programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities. He stated the court uses a new approach in response to cases that involve homelessness with associated mental illness and substance abuse.

Presiding Magistrate Tafoya gave his perspective on the ideal candidate qualifications for the Magistrate vacancy, which included experience in a paperless court system, good fit with staff and the community, interest in the City of Mesa, prior judicial experience, experience with criminal misdemeanors, jail court experience, enthusiastic attitude, passion to work with a

diverse group of people, and experience in Rule 11 proceedings that involve homelessness with mental illness and substance abuse.

Discussion ensued with regards to the transitional period and judicial background.

Chairperson Swanson expressed appreciation to Presiding Magistrate Tafoya for his comments.

4. Convene an Executive Session.

a. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. [A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1)];

1. Appointment of Magistrate – Board to select top candidates to interview (minimum of six).
2. Finalize and assign interview questions & reference checks

It was moved by Boardmember Brown, seconded by Boardmember Wirken, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 8:15 a.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Swanson-Brown-Humphrey-Kiley-Sheffield-Wirken

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Costa

Chairman Swanson declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(At 10:22 a.m. the Executive Session adjourned and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

It was moved by Boardmember Wirken, seconded by Boardmember Sheffield, that the Board interview the following candidates for the Magistrate position:

The Boardmembers selected the following candidates to interview:

1. Nicole Countryman
2. Catherine Gaudreau
3. Danielle Harris
4. Lorie Patrick
5. Wendy Reasons
6. Raymond Schumacher
7. Dianne Sullivan

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Swanson-Brown-Humphrey-Kiley-Sheffield-Wirken

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Costa

Chairman Swanson declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information:

Next meeting:

Public Hearings and Interviews
September 18, 2019, 7:45 a.m.
Lower Level Council Chambers
57 E. First Street

8. Adjourn.

It was moved by Boardmember Wirken, seconded by Boardmember Sheffield, that the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board be adjourned at 10:23 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 7th day of August 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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