

# JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

February 11, 2026

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Study Session room at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on October 22, 2025, at 7:49 a.m.

## BOARD PRESENT

Theo McCalvin, Chairperson  
Kelley Durham, Vice Chair  
Keith Berkshire  
Kent Cattani  
Sonia Martinez  
Joshua Rogers

## BOARD ABSENT

Kelli Flinchbaugh

## STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson  
Kristin Hooker  
Britanee Hudson  
Kelly Whittemore

### 1. Meeting called to order and roll call.

Chairperson McCalvin called the meeting to order at 7:49 a.m. and conducted a roll call.

Chairperson McCalvin excused Boardmember Flinchbaugh from the entire meeting.

### 2. Approve minutes from the October 22, 2025, Judicial Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Durham, seconded by Boardmember Martinez, that the October 22, 2025, Judicial Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – McCalvin–Durham–Berkshire–Cattani–Martinez–Rogers

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Flinchbaugh

Chairperson McCalvin declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

### 3. Items from citizens present.

There were no requests to speak.

### 4. Hear a presentation and discuss the State of the Court by Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby and/or Court Administrator Shawn Haught.

Presentation only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Convene an executive session.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Durham, seconded by Boardmember Cattani, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:02 a.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – McCalvin–Durham–Berkshire–Cattani–Martinez–Rogers  
NAYS – None  
ABSENT – Flinchbaugh

Chairperson McCalvin declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

- 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))
  - i. Review and discuss applications and background materials for the reappointments of:
    1. Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby
    2. Magistrate Alicia Lawler
    3. Magistrate David Allen
  - ii. Review and consider applications for appointment of a City Magistrate.
    1. Board to identify top candidates to interview
    2. Finalize and assign interview questions and reference checks for selected candidates

(At 9:07 a.m. the executive session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

6. Review and discuss items related to the reappointments of Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby, Magistrate Alicia Lawler, and Magistrate David Allen whose terms expire June 30, 2026.

No discussion; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Announce candidates selected for City Magistrate interviews.

Chairperson McCalvin announced, in alphabetical order, the candidates selected to be interviewed for the City Magistrate vacancy, along with the designated alternate, as follows:

- Kevin Breger
- Jacob Brown
- Joshua Olsen
- Dane Paulsen
- Alexia Sedillo
- Joan Sinclair
- Laura Frye (Alternate)

It was moved by Boardmember Berkshire, seconded by Boardmember Rogers, to approve the selected candidates to be invited for interviews at the March 18, 2026 Judicial Advisory Board meeting for the City Magistrate vacancy.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – McCalvin–Durham–Berkshire–Cattani–Martinez–Rogers

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Flinchbaugh

Chairperson McCalvin declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Next meeting:

**March 18, 2026, 7:45 a.m. - City Hall Council Chambers  
Study Session Room  
20 E. Main Street**

9. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 9:11 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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THEO MCCALVIN, CHAIRPERSON

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