



JUDICIAL ADVISORY ACTION MINUTES

December 16, 2020

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met via a virtual format streamed into the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on December 16, 2020 at 7:48 a.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Gordon Sheffield, Chairman*
Charles Wirken, Vice Chairman*
Kent Cattani*
Carolyn Finley*
Kevin Humphrey*
Daniel Kiley*
Wade Swanson*

BOARD ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Nicole Fazzio
Agnes Goodwine
Sarah Staudinger

(*Boardmembers participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Chairman Sheffield excused Boardmember Kiley from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 7:56 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order.

Chairman Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:48 a.m. and conducted a roll call.

2. Approve minutes from the November 18, 2020 Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Finley, that the November 18, 2020 Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Wirken-Cattani-Finley-Humphrey-Swanson

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Kiley

Chairman Sheffield declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Items from citizens present.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the board.

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. Review and discuss application and background materials of the candidates for the position of City Magistrate.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Wirken, seconded by Boardmember Swanson, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 8:17 a.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Wirken-Cattani-Finley-Humphrey-Kiley-Swanson

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

(At 8:48 a.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

(Chairman Sheffield declared a recess at 8:48. The meeting reconvened at 9:02 a.m.)

5. Public interview of candidates for the position of City Magistrate.

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to the following candidates: Danielle Harris, Umayok Novell, and Stephanie Olohan.

(Chairman Sheffield declared a recess at 10:52 a.m. The interviews reconvened at 11:16 a.m.)

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to the following candidates: Catherine Gaudreau, Stephen Umpleby, Laurel Workman, and Lorie Patrick.

(Chairman Sheffield declared a recess at 1:11 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:48 p.m. and the Boardmembers went into executive session.)

6. Recess interviews and reconvene an Executive Session.

- b. 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 City Magistrate

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Humphrey, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 1:48 p.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Wirken-Cattani-Finley-Humphrey-Kiley-Swanson
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

(At 2:23 p.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

7. Discuss and take action on a recommendation to the City Council, identifying the recommended candidates for the vacant position of City Magistrate.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Cattani, that Stephanie Olohan, Stephen Umpleby, and Laurel Workman be recommended to the City Council as candidates for the vacant position of City Magistrate.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Wirken-Cattani-Finley-Humphrey-Kiley-Swanson
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Wirken, seconded by Boardmember Kiley, that Stephanie Olohan, Lorie Patrick, and Stephen Umpleby be recommended to the City Council as candidates for the vacant position of City Magistrate.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Wirken-Cattani-Finley-Humphrey-Kiley-Swanson
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider and approve granting Chairperson Sheffield the authority to draft a letter to the City Council regarding the recommendation of candidates.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Humphrey, that the Board approve Chairperson Sheffield's authority to draft a recommendation letter to the City Council for the recommended candidates.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Wirken-Cattani-Finley-Humphrey-Kiley-Swanson
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

9. Scheduling of meetings and general information:

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 7:45 a.m.
Lower Level Council Chambers
57 E. First Street

10. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 2:28 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 16th day of December 2020. 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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