

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

March 16, 2022

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa in the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on March 16, 2022, at 4:35 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Gordon Sheffield, Chairman
Kent Cattani
Kelley Durham
Kelli Flinchbaugh
Daniel Kiley
Theo McCalvin
Wade Swanson

BOARD ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Nicole Fazzio
Agnes Goodwine
Alfred Smith

1. Meeting called to order.

Chairman Sheffield called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and conducted a roll call.

2. Approve minutes from the February 2, 2022, Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Vice Chairman Cattani, that the February 2, 2022, Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Cattani-Durham-Flinchbaugh-Kiley-McCalvin-Swanson

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Convene an Executive Session.

- a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney [A.R.S. § 38-431.03A (3)] Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law [A.R.S. §38-431.03A(2)] 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. Presiding Magistrate and Magistrates Reappointment Review.

2. Review background materials for Presiding Magistrate John Tatz and Magistrates Elizabeth Arriola, Alicia Lawler, and Raymond Schumacher reappointment.

It was moved by Boardmember Kiley, seconded by Boardmember Durham, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 4:35 p.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Cattani-Durham-Flinchbaugh-Kiley-McCalvin-Swanson
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

(At 5:02 p.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

4. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Presiding Magistrate John Tatz.

Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Tatz.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Board, the Chairman declared this public hearing closed.

5. Interview of Presiding Magistrate John Tatz.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Commission.

6. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Board, the Chairman declared this public hearing closed.

7. Interview of Magistrate Arriola.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Commission.

8. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Alicia Lawler.

Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Alicia Lawler.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Board, the Chairman declared this public hearing closed.

9. Interview of Magistrate Alicia Lawler.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Commission.

10. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Raymond Schumacher.

Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Raymond Schumacher.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Board, the Chairman declared this public hearing closed.

11. Interview of Magistrate Raymond Schumacher.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Commission.

12. 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. 38-431.03A(1));

1. Reappointment of Presiding Magistrate John Tatz, to a second two-year term.
2. Reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola, to a four-year term.
3. Reappointment of Magistrate Alicia Lawler, to a four-year term.
4. Reappointment of Magistrate Raymond Schumacher, to a two-year term.

It was moved by Boardmember Kiley, seconded by Boardmember Durham, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 6:26 p.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Cattani-Durham-Flinchbaugh-Kiley-McCalvin-Swanson
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

(At 6:44 p.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

13. Discuss and approve recommendations to the City Council related to the reappointment of the Presiding Magistrate John Tatz and Magistrates Arriola, Lawler, and Schumacher.

Boardmember Swanson commended each of the Magistrates and stated that the Board is in favor of the reappointment of Presiding Magistrate John Tatz, Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola, Magistrate Alicia Lawler, and Magistrate Raymond Schumacher based on their significant experience both on the bench and prior to joining the City of Mesa. He added that the Board received positive feedback from the public and staff related to their dedicated service, specifically during the pandemic and other administrative transitions.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Cattani, that Presiding Magistrate John Tatz, Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola, Magistrate Alicia Lawler, and Magistrate Raymond Schumacher be reappointed.

AYES – Sheffield-Cattani-Durham-Flinchbaugh-Kiley-McCalvin-Swanson
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

14. Approve granting Chairperson Sheffield the authority to draft a letter to the City Council regarding recommendation of Presiding Magistrate John Tatz, and Magistrates Arriola, Lawler, and Schumacher.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sheffield-Cattani-Durham-Flinchbaugh-Kiley-McCalvin-Swanson
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

15. Scheduling of meetings and general information:

Next meeting:

May 4, 2022, 7:45 a.m. (Tentative)
Lower-Level Council Chambers
57 E. First Street

16. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 6:47 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 March 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK