



# JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

December 6, 2021

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 December 6, 2021, at 7:46 a.m.

## BOARD PRESENT

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

## BOARD ABSENT

None

## STAFF PRESENT

Nicole Fazzio  
Agnes Goodwine  
Carrie Pile  
Alfred Smith

(Items were discussed out of order, but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

### 1. Meeting called to order.

Chairman Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m. and conducted a roll call.

### 2. Approve minutes from the October 26, 2021, Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Kiley, that the October 26, 2021, Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

### 3. Items from citizens present.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

### 4. Hear a presentation and discuss the State of the Court update.

Presentation and discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Vice Chairman Cattani, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 8:07 a.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

- 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.

(At 9:02 a.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

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

- James Mitchell
- David Allen
- Eileen Sullivan
- Yancy Jencsok
- Samantha Kluger
- Laurel Workman
- Umayok Novell
- Kina Harding

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to the following candidates: James Mitchell, David Allen, and Eileen Sullivan.

(Chairman Sheffield declared a recess at 10:24 a.m. The interviews reconvened at 10:32 a.m.)

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to the following candidate: Yancy Jencsok.

(Chairman Sheffield declared a recess at 11:01 a.m. The interviews reconvened at 11:09 a.m.)

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to the following candidates: Samantha Kluger, Laurel Workman, Umayok Novell, and Kina Harding.

7. Recess interviews and reconvene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Kiley, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

- 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 City Magistrate

(At 1:27 p.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

8. 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 Vice Chairperson Cattani, that David Allen, Umayok Novell, 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-Cattani-Durham-Flinchbaugh-Kiley-McCalvin-Swanson

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider, and approve granting Chairperson Sheffield the authority to draft a letter to City Council regarding the recommendation of candidates for the vacant position of City Magistrate.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Vice Chairperson Cattani, 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-Cattani-Durham-Flinchbaugh-Kiley-McCalvin-Swanson

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

10. Scheduling of meetings and general information:

Next meeting:  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 7:45 a.m.  
Lower-Level Council Chambers  
57 E. First Street

11. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 1:30 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 1)