

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

July 31, 2024

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 July 31, 2024, at 7:47 a.m.

BOARD PRESENT

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

BOARD ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson
Carrie Pile
Alfred Smith

1. Meeting called to order and roll call.

Chairperson Cattani called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m. and conducted a roll call.

2. Approve minutes from the June 26, 2024, meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Flinchbaugh, seconded by Boardmember Durham, that the June 26, 2024, Judicial Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Items from citizens present.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

4. Convene an executive session.

It was moved by Boardmember Durham, seconded by Boardmember Flinchbaugh, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:03 a.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

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));
 - i. Review and discuss application and background materials of the candidates for two vacant positions of City Magistrate.

(At 8:41 a.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

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: Ruben Aranda, Kevin Breger, and Alexia Sedillo.

(Chairperson Cattani declared a recess at 10:45 a.m. The interviews reconvened at 10:54 a.m.)

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to the following candidates: Kerry Rait, Jacob Brown, Geoffrey Balon, and Amy Haley.

6. Convene an executive session.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson McCalvin, seconded by Boardmember Durham, that the Board enter into an executive session at 1:02 p.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

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));
 - i. Appointment of two City Magistrates.

(At 1:58 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 two vacant positions of City Magistrate.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson McCalvin, seconded by Boardmember Berkshire, that Geoffrey Balon, Kevin Breger, Jacob Brown, and Amy Haley be recommended to the City Council as candidates for the two vacant positions of City Magistrate.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider and approve granting Chairperson Cattani the authority to draft a letter to City Council regarding the recommendation of candidates for the two vacant positions of City Magistrate.

It was moved by Boardmember Durham, seconded by Vice Chairperson McCalvin, that the Board approve Chairperson Cattani's authority to draft a recommendation letter to the City Council for the recommended candidates.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

9. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Next meeting:

September 11, 2024, 7:45 a.m.
Lower-Level Council Chambers
57 E. First Street
(if needed)

10. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 2:00 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 31st day of July 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK