



## PARTICIPATING AND ATTENDING MEETINGS

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## Judicial Advisory Board

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 7:45 a.m.  
Meeting Agenda**

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

1. Meeting called to order and roll call.
2. Approve minutes from the February 11, 2026, Judicial Advisory Board meeting.
3. 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)]; 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. § 38-431.03(A)(2)]; and discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney(s) for the public body [A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)] for the following:
    - i. The reappointments of Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby, Magistrate Alicia Lawler, and Magistrate David Allen.
    - ii. The recommendation of candidates for the City Magistrate vacancy.
4. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the reappointments of Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby, Magistrate Alicia Lawler, and Magistrate David Allen.
5. Conduct an interview of Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby.
6. Conduct an interview of Magistrate Alicia Lawler.
7. Conduct an interview of Magistrate David Allen.
8. 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)]; 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. § 38-431.03(A)(2)]; and discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney(s) for the public body [A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)] for the following:
    - i. Reappointment of Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby to a second two-year term.
    - ii. Reappointment of Magistrate Alicia Lawler to a four-year term.
    - iii. Reappointment of Magistrate David Allen to a four-year term.

9. Discuss and approve recommendations to the City Council related to the reappointments of Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby, Magistrate Alicia Lawler, and Magistrate David Allen, and granting Chairperson McCalvin the authority to draft a letter to the City Council regarding the reappointment recommendations.
10. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments from interested members of the public on the appointment of candidates for the City Magistrate vacancy.
11. Conduct public interviews with selected candidates for the City Magistrate vacancy.
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. § 38-431.03(A)(1)]; 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. § 38-431.03(A)(2)]; and discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney(s) for the public body [A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)] for the following:
    - i. Appointment of a City Magistrate.
13. Discuss and take action on a recommendation to the City Council identifying, in alphabetical order, the three best qualified candidates for the vacant City Magistrate position, and the granting of Chairperson McCalvin the authority to draft a letter to City Council regarding the recommendation of candidates.
14. Discussion and approval of granting Chairperson McCalvin the authority to review and approve the minutes from today's meeting and forward to the City Council for acknowledgment.
15. Scheduling of meetings and general information:  
Next meeting:  
  
**May 20, 2026, 7:45 a.m.**  
**City Hall Study Session Room**  
**20 E. Main Street**
16. Adjourn.