



JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 7, 2018

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 March 7, 2018 at 4:34 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Teresa Sanders, Chairman
David P. Brooks
Michael Brown
May Costa
Peter Lesar
Gordon Sheffield
Wade Swanson

BOARD ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Claspell
Nicole Fazzio
Melissa Hollenbeck
Alfred Smith
Matt Tafoya
Paul Thomas

1. Approve minutes from the February 5, 2018 meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Sheffield, that the minutes from the February 5, 2018 Board meeting be approved.

Chairman Sanders declared the motion carried unanimously.

2. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

Chairman Sanders announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing regarding the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

There were no citizens present wishing to speak.

Chairman Sanders stated that Boardmembers were provided a letter from Judge Tafoya regarding the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola. She acknowledged that the Boardmembers had reviewed the information.

3. Interview Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola for reappointment.

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

Chairman Sanders thanked Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola for her input.

4. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Boardmember Brooks, seconded by Boardmember Brown, that an Executive Session be convened at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

Chairman Sanders declared the motion 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)]; Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information of testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law [A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2)].
 1. Reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola
 2. Information Regarding Magistrate Appointment Candidates (consumer report agency reports and survey results)

(At 5:27 p.m., the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened their regular meeting.)

5. Discuss and make recommendations to the City Council on the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola for a four-year term.

Boardmember Swanson described Magistrate Ariolla as a hard worker and advised her experience speaks for itself. He pointed out she has great survey results, which demonstrates the value she is to the board and the community.

Boardmember Brown commented that Magistrate Arriola has gained a wealth of experience from her dedicated years in the Mesa Municipal Court and Superior Court, which makes her well qualified to continue to provide exceptional service to the City of Mesa.

Boardmember Lesar supports the recommendation to reappoint Magistrate Arriola. He stated through observations it was found that Magistrate Arriola is knowledgeable of the law, has wonderful judicial temperament, and is a patient and dependable member of the Court system.

It was moved by Boardmember Brooks, seconded by Boardmember Brown, to recommend the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola for a four-year term.

Chairman Sanders declared the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sanders stated that a letter to the City Council would be drafted with a recommendation to reappoint Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

8. Adjournment.

It was moved by Boardmember Brooks, seconded by Boardmember Sheffield, that the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board be adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Chairman Sanders declared the motion carried unanimously.

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 7th day of March 2018. 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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