



JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

September 18, 2019

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 September 18, 2019 at 7:50 a.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Wade Swanson, Chairperson
Gordon Sheffield, Vice Chair
Michael Brown
May Costa
Kevin Humphrey
Daniel Kiley
Charles Wirken

BOARD ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson
Nicole Fazzio
Agnes Goodwine
Alfred Smith
Matt Tafoya

Chairperson Swanson excused Boardmember Costa from the beginning of the meeting; she arrived at 7:53 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order.

Chairperson Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

2. Approve minutes from the August 7, 2019 meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Kiley, seconded by Boardmember Humphrey, that the minutes from August 7, 2019 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Swanson-Sheffield-Brown-Humphrey-Kiley-Wirken

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Costa

Chairman Swanson declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Items from citizens present.

Stasy Click, a Phoenix resident, offered a series of comments in support of City Magistrate candidate Dianne Sullivan. She advised she has been an attorney for 25 years as a prosecutor,

judge pro tem and family law attorney and has known Ms. Sullivan for many years. She explained when she was a new defense attorney Ms. Sullivan helped guide her. She described Ms. Sullivan as being very professional and her reputation in family law is extraordinary. She expressed the opinion that Ms. Sullivan is well-trained for the position and would make an excellent judge because she can handle with a high volume of cases.

Chris Kent, a Scottsdale resident who works in real estate, offered comments in support of City Magistrate candidate Dianne Sullivan. She described Ms. Sullivan as being capable of getting the job done with great care and respect, being very decisive, and full of conviction and passion. She stated as a friend and associate she would recommend Ms. Sullivan for the position as City Magistrate because she is fair, honest and will get the job done.

Presiding Magistrate Matt Tafoya described the list of candidates and stated the best candidate is one who possesses lower court experience and a connection with the City of Mesa. He thanked the Boardmembers for their time and direction to the process.

4. 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)];

1. Appointment of Magistrate – Background materials.

It was moved by Boardmember Wirken, seconded by Boardmember Humphrey, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:57 a.m. and enter into Executive Session.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Swanson-Sheffield-Brown-Costa-Humphrey-Kiley-Wirken
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

(At 9:20 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: Danielle Harris, Raymond Schumacher and Catherine Gaudreau.

(Chairperson Swanson declared a recess at 11:08 a.m. The interviews reconvened at 11:17 a.m.)

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to the following candidates: Wendy Reasons, Lorie Patrick and Dianne Sullivan.

6. Recess Interviews and Reconvene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Boardmember Kiley, seconded by Boardmember Sheffield, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. and enter into Executive Session.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Swanson-Sheffield-Brown-Costa-Humphrey-Kiley-Wirken

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

(At 1:50 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 vacant position of City Magistrate.

It was moved by Boardmember Wirken, seconded by Boardmember Sheffield, that Catherine Gaudreau, Lorie Patrick and Raymond Schumacher be recommended to the City Council as candidates for the vacant position of City Magistrate.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Swanson-Sheffield-Brown-Costa-Humphrey-Kiley-Wirken

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider and approve granting Chairperson Swanson the authority to draft a letter to the City Council regarding the recommendation of candidates.

It was moved by Boardmember Brown, seconded by Boardmember Sheffield, 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 – Swanson-Sheffield-Brown-Costa-Humphrey-Kiley-Wirken

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

9. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Next meeting:

October 9, 2019, 7:45 a.m.
Lower Level Council Chambers
57 E. First Street

Boardmember Brown thanked the candidates for applying and attending the interviews.

Chairman Swanson thanked the Boardmembers and staff.

10. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 1:54 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 18th day of September 2019. 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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