

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 16, 2022

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa in the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on March 16, 2022, at 4:35 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

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

BOARD ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Nicole Fazzio
Agnes Goodwine
Carrie Pile
Alfred Smith

1. Meeting called to order.

Chairman Sheffield called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and conducted a roll call.

2. Approve minutes from the February 2, 2022, Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Vice Chairman Cattani, that the February 2, 2022, Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Convene an Executive Session.

- a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney [A.R.S. § 38-431.03A (3)] 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. §38-431.03A(2)] 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. Presiding Magistrate and Magistrates Reappointment Review.
2. Review background materials for Presiding Magistrate John Tatz and Magistrates Elizabeth Arriola, Alicia Lawler, and Raymond Schumacher reappointment.

It was moved by Boardmember Kiley, seconded by Boardmember Durham, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 4:35 p.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

(At 5:02 p.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

4. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Presiding Magistrate John Tatz.

Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the reappointment of Presiding Magistrate Tatz.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Board, Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing closed.

5. Interview of Presiding Magistrate John Tatz.

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to Magistrate John Tatz.

Chairman Sheffield thanked Magistrate Tatz for his input.

6. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Arriola.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Board, Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing closed.

7. Interview of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola.

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

Chairman Sheffield thanked Magistrate Arriola for her input.

8. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Alicia Lawler.

Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Lawler.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Board, Chairman Sheffield declared this public hearing closed.

9. Interview of Magistrate Alicia Lawler.

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

Chairman Sheffield thanked Magistrate Lawler for her input.

10. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Raymond Schumacher.

Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the reappointment of Magistrate Schumacher.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Board, Chairman Sheffield declared the public hearing closed.

11. Interview of Magistrate Raymond Schumacher.

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

Chairman Sheffield thanked Magistrate Schumacher for his input.

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. 38-431.03A(1));

1. Reappointment of Presiding Magistrate John Tatz, to a second two-year term.
2. Reappointment of Magistrate Elizabeth Arriola, to a four-year term.
3. Reappointment of Magistrate Alicia Lawler, to a four-year term.
4. Reappointment of Magistrate Raymond Schumacher, to a two-year term.

It was moved by Boardmember Kiley, seconded by Boardmember Durham, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 6:26 p.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

(At 6:44 p.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

13. Discuss and approve recommendations to the City Council related to the reappointment of the Presiding Magistrate John Tatz and Magistrates Arriola, Lawler, and Schumacher.

Boardmember Swanson commented on each of the Magistrates and stated that the Board is in favor of the reappointment of Presiding Magistrate Tatz, Magistrate Arriola, Magistrate Lawler, and Magistrate Schumacher based on their significant experience both on the bench and prior to joining the City of Mesa. He added that the Board received positive feedback from the public and staff related to their dedicated service, specifically during the pandemic and other administrative transitions.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Vice Chairman Cattani, that Presiding Magistrate Tatz, Magistrate Arriola, Magistrate Lawler, and Magistrate Schumacher be reappointed.

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

14. Approve granting Chairman Sheffield the authority to draft a letter to the City Council regarding recommendation of Presiding Magistrate Tatz, and Magistrates Arriola, Lawler, and Schumacher.

It was moved by Boardmember Swanson, seconded by Boardmember Kiley, that the Board approve Chairman Sheffield 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

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

15. Scheduling of meetings and general information:

Next meeting:

May 4, 2022, 7:45 a.m. (Tentative)
Lower-Level Council Chambers
57 E. First Street

16. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 6:47 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 16th day of March 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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