



# JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

## Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 20, 2023                      9:00am                      100 Galleria Pkwy, Suite 1600  
Atlanta, GA 30339

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This regularly scheduled meeting of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia was held in person at Freeman Mathis Gary in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Bob Barr chaired the meeting and Ms. Kristen Bertsch served as Recording Secretary.

**Investigative Panel  
Members Present:**

Mr. Bob Barr  
Judge Stacey Hydrick  
Mr. Alexander Rainey  
Mr. Pope Langdale  
Mr. James Balli  
Judge Victoria Darrisaw  
Mr. Warren Selby (virtual)

**JQC Staff Members  
Present:**

Mr. Chuck Boring, former Director and current Counsel  
Ms. Courtney Veal, Deputy Director  
Ms. Yosra Khalifa, Staff Attorney  
Mr. John Gosart, Chief Investigator  
Ms. Kristen Bertsch, Executive Administrator

**Chairman's Comments:**

Chairman Barr called the meeting to order. Deputy Director Veal determined that a quorum was present and announced attendees present.

Mr. Langdale's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular December 16, 2022 Investigative Panel meeting passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:**

Deputy Director Veal informed the Panel that the JQC's budget is on track so far for FY23.

Deputy Director Veal inquired of the Panel whether they still wished to hold our June meeting in Savannah, which would coincide with the State Bar of Georgia's Annual Meeting. The Panel discussed logistics and budgetary considerations and decided to hold the June meeting in Atlanta on the regularly scheduled date of June 16, 2023.

Deputy Director Veal informed the Panel that the complaint log for 2022 is available on Box for review. There were 1,101 complaints filed in 2022. Chairman Barr inquired of the status of the Annual Report. Deputy Director Veal stated that the Staff is working on it and will distribute a draft once completed. The 2023 complaint log is also on Box for review.

Mr. Langdale updated the Panel on the recent Senate Sub-Committee Meeting involving the JQC's Amended Budget for FY23 and made suggestions regarding how the Staff may better track the budget moving forward.

Judge Darrisaw informed the Panel that Deputy Director Veal recently presented at the Superior Court Judges Conference and received a great amount of positive feedback.

There being no further old or new business for discussion, the Open Meeting was adjourned at 9:35am. These minutes were approved by the Judicial Qualifications Commission.