



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 17, 2023

9:00am

100 Galleria Pkwy, Suite 1600
Atlanta, GA 30339

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

**JQC Staff Members
Present:**

Ms. Courtney Veal, Deputy Director
Ms. Yosra Khalifa, Staff Attorney
Mr. John Gosart, Chief Investigator
Ms. Kristen Bertsch, Executive Administrator
Mr. Jeff Davis, Special Counsel
Ms. Marsha Petrea, Administrative Assistant

Chairman's Comments:

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

Judge Darrisaw's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular January 20, 2023 Investigative Panel meeting passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Deputy Director Veal expressed her gratitude to the JQC Staff for their continued hard work during this transitional time.

Deputy Director Veal updated the Panel on the recent budget hearings and summarized some of the questions that she's received leading up to and during the hearings.

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

Deputy Director Veal notified the Panel that the Supreme Court has recently issued an Order approving our suggested JQC Rule amendments. The Order has been posted to the JQC's website and an updated draft of the JQC Rules will be distributed to the Panel upon completion.

Deputy Director Veal informed the Panel that the complaint log for 2023 is available on Box for review.

There being no further old or new business for discussion, the Open Meeting was adjourned at 9:30am. These minutes were approved by the Judicial Qualifications Commission.