

JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

100 Galleria Pkwy, Suite 1600

Friday, April 21, 2023 9:00am 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 Mr. Bob Barr

Members Present: Judge Stacey Hydrick

Mr. Alexander Rainey

Mr. James Balli

Judge Victoria Darrisaw Mr. Pope Langdale Mr. Warren Selby

JQC Staff Members Ms. Courtney Veal, Director

Present: 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. Director Veal

determined that a quorum of the Panel was present and

announced each of the attendees.

Chairman Barr called for an official vote on the JQC Director vacancy. Motion made by Mr. Selby to appoint Courtney Veal as the full-time permanent JQC Director. Vote unanimous. All duties previously delegated to Mr. Langdale during the Director

vacancy will be passed on to Director Veal.

Judge Darrisaw's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular March 24, 2023 Investigative Panel meeting passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Director Veal updated the Panel on the presentations that have been conducted this month. Director Veal and Judge Darrisaw recently presented at the Probate Court Judges' Conference in Athens, and Director Veal also presented at the Magistrate Court Judges' Spring Conference in Saint Simons Island.

Director Veal informed the Panel that the JQC's budget is on track as we approach the end of FY23.

Director Veal informed the Panel that the complaint log for 2023 is available on Box for review and stated that the number of complaints is trending similarly to last year.

There being no further old or new business for discussion, the Open Meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

These minutes were approved by the Judicial Qualifications Commission.