



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 19, 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. James Balli
Judge Victoria Darrisaw
Mr. Pope Langdale

**JQC Staff Members
Present:**

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

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.

Mr. Langdale's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular April 21, 2023 Investigative Panel meeting passed unanimously.

Chairman Barr expressed his gratitude to the Staff and Panel members for their continued dedication and hard work for the JQC.

Director's Report:

Director Veal notified the Panel that Ashton Murphy has accepted the position of Deputy Director and will be starting with the JQC in June.

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

Mr. Davis updated the Panel on the ongoing Formal Advisory Opinion project and notified the members that the opinions are on Box, in a red-lined format with notes and recommendations from Mr. Davis, for review. Chairman Barr suggested the Panel members provide their thoughts and input to the Staff before the July meeting.

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.



Bob Barr, Chairman



Courtney Veal, Director