



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 16, 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 (virtual)

**JQC Staff Members
Present:**

Ms. Courtney Veal, Director
Ms. Ashton Murphy, Deputy Director
Ms. Yosra Khalifa, Staff Attorney
Mr. John Gosart, Chief Investigator
Ms. Kristen Bertsch, Executive Administrator
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.

Chairman Barr introduced Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Boggs to the meeting. Justice Boggs administered oaths to newly reappointed Panel members, Judge Darrisaw and Chairman Barr.

Mr. Langdale's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular May 19, 2023 Investigative Panel meeting passed unanimously.

Chairman Barr expressed his gratitude to the Panel for allowing him the honor to serve as Chairman for the last two years. Chairman Barr made a motion to nominate Judge Hydrick to serve as the new Chairperson. The vote passed unanimously.

Judge Hydrick made a motion to nominate Mr. Balli to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Panel. The vote passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Director Veal introduced Deputy Director Ashton Murphy to the Panel. Deputy Director Murphy explained her background for the Panel and stated that she is excited to get started.

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

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.



Bob Barr, Chairman



Courtney Veal, Director