

JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

100 Galleria Pkwy, Suite 1600

Friday, August 18, 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. Judge Stacey Hydrick chaired the meeting and Ms. Kristen Bertsch served as Recording Secretary.

Investigative Panel Members Present: Judge Stacey Hydrick Mr. Warren Selby

Mr. Bob Barr

Judge Victoria Darrisaw Mr. Alexander Rainey

JOC 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

Chairman's Comments:

Judge Hydrick called the meeting to order and determined that

a quorum of the Panel was present.

Mr. Selby's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the

regular July 21, 2023 Investigative Panel meeting passed

unanimously.

Judge Hydrick informed the Panel that the JQC presentation by Director Veal and Judge Hydrick at the Superior Court Judges'

Conference was well received and helpful for attendees.

Director's Report:

Director Veal informed the Panel that she recently met with the Chief Budget Officer at the Administrative Office of the Courts and is preparing for budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year.

Director Veal reminded the Panel that Special Counsel Jeff Davis prepared a narrowed-down list of Formal Advisory Opinions that need to be reviewed. Director Veal recommended the Panel review the list and be prepared for discussion at the September IP meeting.

Director Veal called for selection of Panel members to serve on the Rule 29 Committee. Judge Hydrick inquired of Judge Darrisaw, Mr. Barr, and Mr. Selby if they were willing to serve. All agreed.

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.

Judge Stacey Hydrick, Chair

Courtney Veal, Director