



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 1, 2023

9:00am

100 Galleria Pkwy, Ste. 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 and Gary, LLP in Atlanta, GA. Mr. James Balli chaired the meeting and Ms. Kristen Bertsch served as Recording Secretary.

Investigative Panel Members Present:

Mr. James Balli
Mr. Pope Langdale
Mr. Warren Selby (virtual)
Judge Victoria Darrisaw (virtual)

JQC Staff Members Present:

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

Chairman's Comments:

Mr. Balli called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum of the Panel was present.

Mr. Langdale's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular October 27, 2023 Investigative Panel meeting passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Director Veal introduced Chief Investigator Jonathan McFarland to the Panel.

Director Veal informed the Panel that the FY24 budget is on track.

Director Veal notified the Panel that she is reviewing the Formal Advisory Opinion suggestions and will circulate the recommendations to the Panel for review, upon completion.

There being no further old or new business for discussion, Mr. Langdale's motion to adjourn was seconded by Judge Darrisaw. The Open Meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

These minutes were approved by the Judicial Qualifications Commission.