



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 27, 2023

9:00am

304 Pierce Ave
Macon, GA 31204

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia was held in person at The Methodist Home in Macon, GA. Judge Stacey Hydrick chaired the meeting and Ms. Kristen Bertsch served as Recording Secretary.

**Investigative Panel
Members Present:**

Judge Stacey Hydrick (virtual)
Mr. James Balli (virtual)
Mr. Warren Selby
Mr. Bob Barr
Judge Victoria Darrisaw
Mr. Pope Langdale

**JQC Staff Members
Present:**

Ms. Courtney Veal, Director
Ms. Ashton Murphy, Deputy Director
Ms. Yosra Khalifa, Staff Attorney
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.

Judge Darrisaw's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular September 29, 2023 Investigative Panel meeting passed unanimously.

Judge Hydrick informed the Panel that members of the Hearing Panel may join the open portion of the December 1, 2023 IP meeting for discussion related to our Formal Advisory Opinion review.

Judge Hydrick recapped The National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics conference which took place in Washington D.C. mid-October. Judge Hydrick stated that the courses were very beneficial and it was helpful to hear about different perspectives and procedures from other jurisdictions.

Director's Report:

Director Veal informed the Panel that the FY24 budget is on track and that the requested funds for a legal assistant position are pending.

Director Veal advised the Panel that she will have recommendations ready for the Panel by the December 1, 2023 IP meeting regarding our Formal Advisory Opinion review.

There being no further old or new business for discussion, Mr. Selby's motion to adjourn was seconded by Judge Darrisaw. The Open Meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.

These minutes were approved by the Judicial Qualifications Commission.