



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 19, 2024

9:00am

Zoom Conference

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia was held virtually via Zoom conference. Mr. James Balli chaired the meeting and Ms. Kristen Bertsch served as Recording Secretary.

**Investigative Panel
Members Present:**

Mr. James Balli
Mr. Pope Langdale
Judge Victoria Darrisaw
Mr. Warren Selby
Mr. Bob Barr
Mr. Stephen Green

**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.

Judge Darrisaw welcomed newly appointed Panel member Stephen Green to the meeting and administered his oath. The Panel members and JQC staff introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Green to the Panel.

Judge Darrisaw's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular December 1, 2023 Investigative Panel meeting passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Director Veal informed the Panel that the FY24 budget is on track and that the legislative budget hearings are underway. Mr. Barr requested a breakdown of the FY25 JQC budget request be circulated to the Panel members.

Director Veal updated the Panel on the Formal Advisory Opinion project, stated that she is in the process of reviewing the Opinions, and hopes to have recommendations for the Panel to review in February.

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 9:15am.

These minutes were approved by the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.