



**Judicial Qualifications Commission
State of Georgia**

**Open Meeting Minutes
Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Friday, July 17, 2026 | 9:00 AM

Nathan Deal Judicial Center | 330 Capitol Ave., 2nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334

This regularly scheduled open meeting of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia was held at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center, 330 Capitol Ave., S.E., 2nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. Judge Victoria Darrisaw chaired the meeting, and Ms. Stephanie McGruder served as recording secretary.

**Investigative Panel
Members Present:**

Judge Victoria Darrisaw, Chair
Bob Barr, Vice Chair
Judge Brian Rickman
Mr. James Coursey
Mr. Steve Green
Mr. Russell Rosengart

**JQC Staff Members
Present:**

Ms. Courtney Veal, Director
Ms. Ashton Murphy, Deputy Director
Mr. Jonathan McFarland, Chief Investigator
Ms. Alex Stone, Staff Attorney
Ms. Stephanie McGruder, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Lynn Abass, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Avery Jenkins, Intern

Chairperson's Comments:

Judge Darrisaw called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and determined a quorum was present. Judge Darrisaw requested approval of the open meeting minutes from the June 12, 2026 meeting. Mr. Barr moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Green seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Judge Darrisaw then administered the Oath of Office to the newest Panel member, Mr. Russell Rosengart. Mr. Rosengart was appointed to the Commission on June

30, 2026, by Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones, with his term set to expire on June 30, 2030.

After signing his Oath of Office, Mr. Rosengart expressed his appreciation to Judge Darrisaw and extended warm greetings to the members of the Commission and JQC staff. He also conveyed his dedication to serving the people of Georgia.

Director's Report:

Director Veal informed the Panel that July 1, 2026 marked the beginning of FY27 and that she was thinking about enhancement requests for the next legislative session and would discuss those with the Panel at a later meeting.

Director Veal moved to the Litigation Report. She stated that we are still waiting for the Supreme Court to decide the Williams matter, noting that former-Judge Williams resigned before the Court issued an opinion. Similarly, we are also awaiting the Court's decision in the Judge Brodeaux matter.

Old Business:

The chair recognized that there was no old business.

New Business:

The chair recognized that there was no new business.

Public Comments:

No members of the public appeared for this Panel.

Judge Darrisaw called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Green motion to adjourn was seconded by Mr. Rosengart. The Open Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am.

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



Judge Victoria Darrisaw, Chair



Courtney Veal, Director