



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
State of Georgia

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

Friday, June 12, 2026 | 9:00 AM
Zoom Virtual Meeting | Atlanta, GA 30334

This regularly scheduled open meeting of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia was held as a Zoom Virtual Meeting. Judge Victoria Darrisaw served as chair for the meeting, and Ms. Stephanie McGruder served as recording secretary.

**Investigative Panel
Members Present:**

Judge Victoria Darrisaw, Chair
Judge Brian Rickman
Mr. Bob Barr
Mr. James Coursey
Mr. Steve Green
Mr. Andy Welch

**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. Avery Jenkins, Intern

Chairperson's Comments:

Judge Darrisaw called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Director Veal confirmed that a quorum was present for both the Non-Regular Meeting on March 6, 2026, and the Regular Meeting on May 8, 2026. As such, Judge Darrisaw requested approval of both meeting minutes.

Mr. Barr moved to adopt the minutes for the Non-Regular Meeting on March 6, 2026, and the Regular Meeting on May 8, 2026. Mr. Green seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved, with the exception of Mr. Welch, who was not present for the March 6, 2026 Non-Regular Meeting.

Judge Darrisaw ended her comments by calling for the Director's Report.

Director's Report:

Director Veal began by going over the financial report. She reminded the Panel that the report is posted monthly on OneDrive for review. She advised that the JQC was within its budget, and that the fiscal year would be closing at the end of June.

Director Veal then updated the Panel on the new staff positions. Director Veal announced that Aimee Oliver will start next week and will fill the new investigator position. Ms. Oliver comes from the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) and previously served as an investigator in the Alcovy County Judicial Circuit and as a law enforcement officer. Director Veal then noted that she has not yet posted the general counsel position but asked the Panel for recommendations.

Director Veal then moved to the Litigation Report. The JQC is still awaiting decisions from the Supreme Court on the former-Judge Williams matter and the Judge Bordeaux matter.

Director Veal then introduced the Panel to Ms. Avery Jenkins, the JQC Undergraduate Intern. Ms. Jenkins recently completed her sophomore year at the University of Georgia.

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. Barr. The Open Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 am.

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



Judge Victoria Darrisaw, Chair



Courtney Veal, Director