

**Minutes**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**September 17, 2024**

**Minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board public meeting held on September 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Jury/Training Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tempe Municipal Court, 140 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe Arizona 85281.**

**Board Members Present:**

James Sampanes  
Judge Kevin Kane, Ex-officio Member  
Judge Amy Kalman\*  
Judy Aldrich, Chair  
Martha Ashburn, Vice-Chair  
Scott Blum

**City Staff Present:**

Casey Simmons, Court Mgmt. Assistant  
Alisha Major, Court Executive Assistant  
Alexis Allen, Court Administrator  
Jennifer Curtiss, Deputy Court Administrator  
Marcos Romero, Court Sr. Mgmt. Assistant  
Kirsten Alger, Court Supervisor\*  
Christina Villarreal, Court Supervisor\*  
Veronica Reyes-Treviño, Court Supervisor\*  
Lorie Patrick, Court Commissioner\*  
Mary Jo Barsetti, City Judge\*

\*Attended remotely via Microsoft Teams

**Public Meeting**

The public meeting was called to order at **9:00 a.m.** by Chairperson Aldrich.

**Agenda Item 1: Consideration of Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2024**

**Motion** made by Vice-Chair Ashburn to approve the public meeting minutes of May 15, 2024; **second** by Board Member Kalman. Motion passed on a **3-0** vote. Board Member Blum and Board Member Sampanes abstained from the voting process for this agenda item due to not being a Board Member at the time of the May 15, 2024 public meeting.

**Ayes:** Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Kalman

**Non-Voting:** Board Member Kane

**Abstain:** Board Members Blum, Sampanes

**Absent:** None

**Agenda Item 3: City Judge Recruitment – *This item was taken out of order***

Chairperson Aldrich and Board Member Kane gave a brief overview of the City Judge recruitment process. Ms. Alexis Allen, Tempe Municipal Court Administrator,

provided information to the Board to clarify steps of the recruitment process. The Board discussed documents pertaining to the City Judge recruitment process:

- City Judge recruitment press release (2017 version)
- City Judge Job Description (Draft)
- City Judge Supplemental Written Questions

Judge Kalman suggested several additional organizations to distribute the recruitment to:

- Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice (AACJ)
- Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court
- Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council (APAAC)
- Arizona Public Defenders Association (APDA)
- Arizona Thurgood Marshall American Inn of Court
- Horace Rumpole American Inn of Court
- Lorna E. Lockwood American Inn of Court
- Maricopa County Bar Association (MCBA)
- Morris K. Udall American Inn of Court
- Sandra Day O'Connor American Inn of Court

#### **Agenda Item 2: Call to the Public**

Board Chair Aldrich called for public comment. No public comments made.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Board Member Sampanes to adjourn meeting; second by Board Member Ashburn. Motion passed on a **5-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Blum, Kalman, Sampanes.

**Non-Voting:** Board Member Kane

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

The public meeting adjourned at **9:41 a.m.**

Minutes prepared by: Casey Simmons

Minutes reviewed by: Judy Aldrich, Chair



Judy Aldrich

Chair, Judicial Advisory Board

Tempe Municipal Court