

Minutes
PUBLIC MEETING
JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD
November 19, 2024



Minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board public meeting held on November 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Jury/Training Room, 3rd Floor, Tempe Municipal Court, 140 E. 5th 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*
Julie Murphey, Court Supervisor*

Public Present:

Aleksey Chernobelskiy*
Amy Haley*
Anonymous attendees (x3)*
David Allen*
Jessica Butcher*
Nicholle Harris*

*Attended remotely via Microsoft Teams

Public Meeting

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2024

Motion made by Board Member Kalman to approve the public meeting minutes of September 17, 2024; **second** by Board Member Sampanes. Motion passed on a **5-0** vote.

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

Nays: None

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Call to the Public

Chairperson Aldrich called for public comment.

9:06 a.m. – Public comment on candidate Jeremy Rovinsky from Aleksey Chernobelskiy

3. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)

Motion made by Board Member Kalman to adjourn to Executive Session; **second** by Board Member Sampanes. Motion passed on a **5-0** vote.

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

Nays: None

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session at **9:11 a.m.** Only Board members were present except for Ms. Casey Simmons who remained to take meeting minutes and Ms. Alexis Allen who remained to answer questions related to the City Judge recruitment. Confidential minutes were taken and kept separate from these public meeting minutes.

Executive Session adjourned and the public meeting was called to order at **10:19 a.m.** by Chairperson Aldrich.

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The Board reviewed and approved notification letters the Court Management Assistant will provide to:

- Candidates who did not meet the minimum qualifications of the recruitment
- Candidates who were not selected to participate in an interview
- Candidates who were selected to participate in an interview but were not moved forward in the process

Motion made by Board Member Kalman to adjourn to executive session; **second** by Board Member Blum. Motion passed on a **5-0** vote.

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

Nays: None

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session at **10:25 a.m.** Only Board members were present except for Ms. Casey Simmons who remained to take meeting minutes and Ms. Alexis Allen who remained to answer questions related to the City Judge recruitment. Confidential minutes were taken and kept separate from these public meeting minutes.

Executive Session adjourned and the public meeting was called to order at **12:04 p.m.** by Chairperson Aldrich.

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4. Announce interviewee names

Chairperson Aldrich announced the Judicial Advisory Board will reconvene on 11/27/24 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the application review process and then announce a list of interviewees.

5. Adjournment

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

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

Nays: None

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The public meeting adjourned at **12:05 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by: Casey Simmons

Minutes reviewed by: Judy Aldrich, Chair

Judy Aldrich
Chair, Judicial Advisory Board
Tempe Municipal Court