

**MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD
April 11, 2016**

Minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board public meeting held on April 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom 7, 3rd Floor, Tempe Municipal Court, 140 E. 5th Street, Tempe Arizona 85281.

Board Members Present

Judge Patricia Starr
Judy Aldrich
Todd Allison
Don Calender
Paul Friedman
Judge MaryAnne Majestic, Ex-officio Member

Board Members Absent

All present

Staff Present:

Alexis Allen, Deputy Court Administrator
Amanda Chavez, Executive Assistant
Debi Schaefer, Court Administrator
Kimberly Sotelo, Management Assistant

Executive Session

Agenda Item 1 – Personnel A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)

a. Presiding Judge Recruitment

The Board entered executive session at 12:50 p.m.

First executive session adjourned and the public meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chairperson Judge Starr.

Public Meeting

Agenda Item 2 – Presiding Judge Candidate Interviews

Five candidates were interviewed by the Board and asked the same interview questions:

- 1) Tell us what you know about the Tempe Municipal Court that inspired you to apply for the Presiding Judge Position.
- 2) Describe the ideal relationship, as you see it, between the Presiding Judge and the:
 - Mayor, City Council, and City Manager
 - Presiding Judge of the Superior Court/Presiding Judges in Maricopa County
 - Department Heads in the City
- 3) Describe your management and communication style and tell us how you would apply it to the other judges, staff, and the administrative team of the Court.

- 4) What criteria do you use to define success in your current position as a judge and give a specific example of how you have met your definition?
- 5) What is the most common problem you experience in your courtroom and how do you handle it?
- 6) What experience do you have with developing and presiding over a treatment court docket(s)?
- 7) What do you hope to accomplish with the people you come into contact with in your courtroom?
- 8) What would you do if you became aware of what you perceived to be an ethical violation by a judge in the Tempe Municipal Court?
- 9) Do you have any questions or is there anything else you would like to share with the Board? What is your availability?

Interview for Judge Peter Psareas began at 1:05 p.m. and concluded at 1:21 p.m.

Interview for Judge Mayra Galindo began at 1:23 p.m. and concluded at 1:41 p.m.

Interview for Judge Wendy Million began at 1:43 p.m. and concluded at 2:03 p.m.

2:03 p.m. A 10-minute break was taken.

Interview for Judge Michelle Lue Sang began at 2:15 p.m. and concluded at 2:30 p.m.

Motion made by Chairperson Judge Starr to go into executive session; the motion was seconded by Board Member Aldrich. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session at 2:32 p.m.

Second executive session adjourned and the public meeting called back to order at 2:53 p.m. by Chairperson Judge Starr.

Public Meeting

Agenda Item 2 – Presiding Judge Candidate Interviews (cont'd)

Interview for Judge Kevin Kane began at 2:53 p.m. and concluded at 3:20 p.m.

Agenda Item 4 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: February 16, 2016 & April 1, 2016

This item was discussed out of order as candidate interviews concluded early and Agenda Item 3 – Public Comments on Presiding Judge Candidates was to stay on schedule for 4:00 p.m.

Motion made by Board Member Friedman to approve the public meeting minutes of February 16, 2016; the motion was seconded by Board Member Allison. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Motion made by Board Member Allison to amend the executive session meeting minutes of April 1, 2016; the motion was seconded by Board Member Aldrich. Motion passed 5 to 0.

With no further amendments to the executive session and public meeting minutes of April 1, 2016, motion made by Board Member Allison to adopt the minutes; the motion was seconded by Board Member Aldrich. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Motion made by Chairperson Judge Starr to go into executive session; the motion was seconded by Board Member Allison. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session at 3:22 p.m.

Third executive session adjourned and the public meeting called back to order at 3:58 p.m. by Chairperson Judge Starr.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comments on Presiding Judge Candidates – 4:00 p.m.

3:58 p.m. – Public comment on candidate Judge Kane from Mr. David Fuller, Assistant Director of the City of Phoenix Public Defender's Office.

4:03 p.m. – Public comment on candidate Judge Kane from Mr. Will Gonzalez, Chief Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Phoenix.

Chairperson Judge Starr made a call to the public, no additional public comments.

Agenda Item 5 – Adjournment

Motion made by Chairperson Judge Starr to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Board Member Friedman. Motion passed 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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Judge Patricia Starr
Chairperson, Judicial Advisory Board
Tempe Municipal Court