



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 21, 2021

9:00am

Atlanta, GA

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia was held at Taylor English Duma LLP in Atlanta, GA. Judge Stacey Hydrick chaired the meeting and Ms. Kristen Bertsch served as Recording Secretary.

**Investigative Panel
Members Present:**

Mr. Pope Langdale (via conference call)
Judge Stacey Hydrick
Mr. Bob Barr
Judge Verda Colvin
Mr. James Balli
Mr. Warren Selby

**JQC Staff
Members Present:**

Mr. Chuck Boring, Director
Ms. Courtney Veal, Deputy Director
Mr. John Gosart, Chief Investigator
Ms. Kristen Bertsch, Executive Administrator
Ms. Yosra Khalifa, Legal Intern

Chairman's Comments:

Chairman Langdale called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum is present. Chairman Langdale explained that he is unable to be present at today's meeting due to a medical issue and inquired of Judge Hydrick if she would like to Chair this meeting since he is attending via conference call. Judge Hydrick accepted. Judge Colvin's motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular April 16, 2021 meeting passed unanimously, with one request for an amendment from Mr. Barr.

Director's Report:

Director Boring began by introducing the JQC's new Chief Investigator John Gosart to the Panel. Mr. Gosart spoke about his background and was welcomed by members of the Panel.

Director Boring updated the Panel about the Statewide Judicial Emergency. Director Boring explained that the Chief Justice recently issued a press release regarding the new CDC guidelines and how they relate to the courts. Director Boring explained that additional guidance for the courts should be forthcoming. Director Boring explained that those jurisdictions which are holding jury trials seem to be running smoothly.

Director Boring informed the Panel that the JQC budget is on track, and he plans on using some of the leftover funds from FY 2021 to pay for a portion of rent for a larger office space for JQC Staff, which is within the same building.

Director Boring called for the nominations of Chair and Vice Chair of the Investigative Panel. Mr. Balli nominated Mr. Barr as Chairman. Vote unanimous. Judge Colvin nominated Judge Hydrick as Vice Chair. Vote unanimous. Mr. Barr will assume his Chair position effective on June 18, 2021, and Judge Hydrick will continue in her position as Vice Chair. Mr. Barr expressed his appreciation for Chairman Langdale and the work he has done for JQC.

There being no further old or new business for discussion, the Open Meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.

These minutes were approved by the Judicial Qualifications Commission.