

**Minutes
PUBLIC MEETING
JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD
January 31, 2024**

Minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board public meeting held on January 31, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Jury Training Room, 3rd Floor, Tempe Municipal Court, 140 E. 5th Street, Tempe Arizona 85281.

Board Members Present:

Amanda Chua
Judge Kevin Kane, Ex-officio Member
Judge Michael Mandell, Vice-Chair
Judy Aldrich
Martha Ashburn

City Staff Present:

Casey Simmons, Court Management Assistant
Alisha Major, Court Executive Assistant
Alexis Allen, Court Administrator
Marcos Romero, Court Sr. Management Assistant
Tara Fuller, City Judge

Public Meeting

The public meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Selection of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion made by Vice-Chair Mandell to nominate Judy Aldrich to be Chair; second by Board Member Chua. Motion passed on a **4-0** vote.

Ayes: Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Chua, Mandell

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion made by Chair Aldrich to nominate Martha Ashburn to be Vice-Chair; second by Board Member Chua. Motion passed on a **4-0** vote.

Ayes: Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Chua, Mandell

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: September 28, 2020

Motion made by Board Member Mandell to approve the public meeting minutes of September 28, 2020; second by Chair Aldrich. Motion passed on a **3-0** vote. Board Member Chua abstained from the voting process for this agenda item due

to not being a Board Member at the time of the September 28, 2020 public meeting.

Ayes: Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Mandell

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstained: Board Member Chua

Absent: None

Motion made by Board Member Mandell to approve the executive session meeting minutes of September 28, 2020; second by Vice-Chair Ashburn. Motion passed on a **3-0** vote. Board Member Chua abstained from the voting process for this agenda item due to not being a Board Member at the time of the September 28, 2020 executive session meeting.

Ayes: Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Mandell

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstained: Board Member Chua

Absent: None

Agenda Item 3 – Call to the Public on the Reappointment of Judge Tara Fuller

Board Member Mandell called for public comment. No public comments made.

Agenda Item 4 – Recommendation of the Judicial Advisory Board to the Tempe City Council Regarding the Reappointment of Judge Tara Fuller

Board Members discussed the reappointment packet for Judge Fuller. Judge Fuller answered questions from the Board Members and expanded on items mentioned in the packet.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Ashburn to recommend the reappointment of Judge Fuller; second by Board Member Mandell. Motion passed on a **4-0** vote.

Ayes: Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Chua, Mandell

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment

Motion made by Board Member Chua to adjourn the public meeting; second by Board Member Mandell. Motion passed on a **4-0** vote.

Ayes: Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Chua, Mandell

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The public meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Casey Simmons

Minutes reviewed by: Judy Aldrich, Chair

Judy Aldrich
Chair, Judicial Advisory Board
Tempe Municipal Court

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