

Minutes
PUBLIC MEETING
JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD
November 27, 2024



Minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board public meeting held on November 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. on Microsoft Teams and 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:

Alexis Allen, Court Administrator
Alisha Major, Court Executive Assistant
Casey Simmons, Court Mgmt. Assistant
Christina Villarreal, Court Supervisor*
Jennifer Curtiss, Deputy Court Administrator*
Julie Murphey, Court Supervisor*
Marcos Romero, Court Sr. Mgmt. Assistant*

Public Present:

Anonymous attendees (x5)*

*Attended remotely via Microsoft Teams

Public Meeting

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

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2024

Motion made by Board Member Sampanes to approve the public and executive session meeting minutes of November 19, 2024; **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

2. Call to the Public

Chairperson Aldrich called for public comment. No public comments were made.

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

Motion made by Board Member Sampanes to adjourn to Executive Session; **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

Executive Session:

The Board entered Executive Session at **9:04 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 **9:29 a.m.** by Chairperson Aldrich.

Public Meeting:

4. Announce interviewee names

Motion made by Board Member Kalman to move to interview the below applicants:

- Chad Anderson
- Genene Dyer
- Sandra Hunter
- Jason Johannes
- Lorie Patrick
- Kerry Rait
- Joan Sinclair

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

Due diligence assignments for the above-mentioned candidates were announced:

- Board Member Ashburn will perform due diligence for candidate Lorie Patrick.
- Board Member Blum will perform due diligence for candidates Jason Johannes and Kerry Rait.
- Board Member Kalman will perform due diligence for candidates Chad Anderson and Sandra Hunter.
- Board Member Sampanes will perform due diligence for candidates Genene Dyer and Joan Sinclair.

The Board announced the interviews will take place at the next JAB meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.** 30 minutes will be allocated for each candidate's interview, and a portion of the meeting will be dedicated to public comment. Information on how to provide public comment will be posted to the Tempe Municipal Court website at

www.tempe.gov/court. Interviews will be held in-person, with both in-person and virtual options to attend and provide public comment.

5. Adjournment

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

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

Nayes: None

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The public meeting adjourned at **9:38 a.m.**

Minutes prepared by: Casey Simmons

Minutes reviewed by: Judy Aldrich, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judy Aldrich". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Judy Aldrich

Chair, Judicial Advisory Board

Tempe Municipal Court