

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD  
September 9, 2016**



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Minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board public meeting held on September 9, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in Courtroom 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tempe Municipal Court, 140 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe Arizona 85281.

**Board Members Present**

Judge Patricia Starr, Chairperson  
Judy Aldrich  
Todd Allison  
Don Calender  
Paul Friedman  
Judge Kevin Kane, Ex-officio Member

**Board Members Absent**

All present

**Staff Present:**

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

**Executive Session**

The Board entered executive session at 3:05 p.m. to discuss and consider the reappointment of Judge Mary Jo Barsetti.

Executive session adjourned and the public meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairperson Judge Starr.

**Public Meeting**

**Agenda Item 1 – Introduction of New Presiding Judge Kevin Kane**

Chairperson Judge Starr welcomed Judge Kane to the Board.

**Agenda Item 5 – Call to the Public on the Reappointment of Judge Mary Jo Barsetti**

This item was discussed out of order in consideration of the public's time. Judge Barsetti was the only public member present and had no comments for the Board.

Prior to the public meeting the Board was provided a Judicial Evaluation Packet for Judge Mary Jo Barsetti. It included a letter from prior Tempe Municipal Court Presiding Judge MaryAnne Majestic; self-evaluation from Judge Barsetti; summaries of group surveys sent to attorneys, defendants, peers and court staff; court customer surveys and jury service questionnaires. No public comments were received by the Board from the media release that was posted on the City website on Friday, August 26, 2016 inviting comments in writing by September 6, 2016. The Board commended Judge Barsetti on the positive evaluations and comments included within the packet.

**Agenda Item 6 – Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Reappointment of Mary Jo Barsetti**

This item was discussed out of order in consideration of Judge Barsetti's time. Motion made by Board Member Friedman that the Judicial Advisory Board recommend to the

Tempe City Council that Judge Mary Jo Barsetti be reappointed for a new four (4) year term; the motion was seconded by Board Member Allison. Motion passed 5 to 0.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2016**

Motion made by Board Member Aldrich to approve the public and executive session meeting minutes of April 25, 2016; the motion was seconded by Board Member Friedman. Motion passed 5 to 0.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Judicial Advisory Board 2016 Annual Report**

Motion made by Board Member Aldrich to approve the Judicial Advisory Board 2016 Annual Report; the motion was seconded by Board Member Calender. Motion passed 5 to 0.

**Agenda Item 4– Discussion on Potential Adoption of Rules, Policies and Procedures used by Other Judicial Selection and Advisory Boards**

Prior to the public meeting the Board was provided the Tempe City Code for the Judicial Advisory Board; the Phoenix City Code for the Judicial Selection Advisory Board (JSAB), the Rules of Procedures for the JSAB and the Scottsdale Code of Ordinances for the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board.

The Board discussed its current practices and whether to adopt more formal rules, policies and procedures. The Board is interested in establishing written policies and procedures for future reference. Judge Kane will contact the Tempe City Attorney's Office on behalf of the Board to request legal guidance on whether the Tempe City Code authorizes them to establish policies and procedures or if a Code amendment would be necessary. A telephonic public meeting will be scheduled if further action is needed.

**Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment**

Motion made by Board Member Aldrich to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Board Member Allison. Motion passed 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Kimberly Sotelo



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Judge Patricia Starr  
Chairperson, Judicial Advisory Board  
Tempe Municipal Court