



**CITY OF
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City Magistrates Merit
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CITY MAGISTRATE MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION (CMMSC)

Legal Action Report / Draft Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting

***Revised**

MEETING NOTE: Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have prompted declarations of a public health emergency at the local, state, and federal levels, this meeting will be conducted using measures to protect public health. This meeting will be held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law. In-person attendance by member of the public will be prohibited.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair James Rappaport at 5:35 p. m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

James Rappaport	Chair
Dina Dieglio	Vice Chair
Suzette Jimenez	
Dee Dee Samet	
Mariam Ferguson	
Zaira Livier	
D. Grady Scott	(Departed at 5:45 p.m.)

Others Present:

Bambi Benitez	City Clerk's Office
Piroschka Glinsky	City Attorney's Office

2. Approval of Minutes for the January 18, 2022, meeting.

It was moved by Chair Rappaport, and duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, to approve the minutes from January 18, 2022.

4. Call to the Audience

Speaker Darlene Edminson spoke on behalf of candidate Kate Verenna

(NOTE: This item was taken out of order)



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*** 3. Discussion to fill vacant City Magistrate position**

It was moved by Chair Rappaport, and duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, (Commissioner Scott absent/excused) to enter into Executive Session to review/discuss documents related to identify candidate(s) for oral interview(s) and/or forward for recommendation to Mayor and Council.

- Kate Verenna
- Sarah Mayhew
- Matthew A. Walker
- Joey A. Flynn
- Frank Anjakos

It was moved by Chair Rappaport, and duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, (Commissioner Scott absent/excused) to enter back into Regular Session.

RECESS: 5:46 P.M.

RECONVIENE: 6:13 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: All present (Commissioner Scott absent/excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office

Piroschka Glinsky, City Attorney's Office

Executive Session was held from 5:46 p.m. to 6:13 p.m.

It was moved by Chair Rappaport, and duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, (Commissioner Scott absent/excused) to proceed with interviewing the following candidates: Sarah Mayhew, Kate Verenna, Matthew Walker, Joey Flynn and ***Frank Anjakos**.

4. Call to the Audience

(NOTE: This item was taken out of order and considered after item 2)

6. City Clerk's Office Notifications

(NOTE: This item was taken out of order)

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of applications received for this recruitment process. Chair Rappaport and commissioners expressed their thoughts on how the information about openings, the list of applicants and response time to said applicants could be better. I, Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office explained the process I use to complete each recruitment. I also informed the commission where the job postings are published for the public to view and could apply.



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I, Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office also informed the commission that the job postings are listed on the City of Tucson's job posting page, in the Arizona Daily Star newspaper, The Writ and with Pima County Bar Association.

Chair Rappaport asked if they could receive a listing of everyone who applied once the application deadline has passed.

Commissioner Dieglio brought up the timing in which minutes are posted for the public to view for the information of what took place during meetings, and she asked if the commissioners were allowed to reach out to applicants and let them know they have been selected to move forward in the process.

Piroschka ***Glinsky**, City Attorney's Office also explained to the commissioners that these meetings are open to the public and anyone can join, listen in, and receive the information about who has applied and who would be recommended to Mayor and Council for appointment. She also addressed the question regarding engagement with members of the audience during call to audience.

I, Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office suggested to the commission to submit 'draft minutes' for posting along with the Legal Action Report (LAR) since a long period of time passes before approved minutes are posted for public viewing. I also mentioned the LAR also acts as minutes and can be viewed by the public much sooner than the approved minutes. The commission agreed to having 'draft minutes' posted. I also agreed to forwarding any links associated with the job posting to the commissioners for their reference and forwarding on to potential candidates as requested by Commissioner Samet.

5. Future Agenda Items

Discussion ensued on setting the date(s) and time(s) for interviews. The commission decided to break interviews up between two dates as listed below, and in no particular order.

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, starting at 5:30 p.m. interviewing Sarah Mayhew and Kate Verenna and
Tuesday, April 12, 2022, starting at 5:30 p.m. interviewing Matthew Walker, Joey Flynn and
***Frank Anjakos**.

6. City Clerk's Office Notifications

(NOTE: This item was taken out of order and considered after item 3)



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67. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

*The City Magistrates Merit Selection Commission may conduct an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section § 38-431.03(A)(1) for the purpose of discussion or consideration of appointment to the position of City Magistrate (A)(2) for the purpose of discussion of records exempt by law from public inspection and (A)(3) discussion or consultation for legal advice with attorney staff.