



City Magistrates Merit
Selection Commission
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CITY MAGISTRATES MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION

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.

Minutes **Friday, April 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.** **Microsoft Teams meeting**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair James Rappaport at 5:45 p. m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

James Rappaport Chair
Dina Dieglio Vice Chair
Suzette Jimenez
Dee Dee Samet
Mariam Ferguson

Members Absent/Excused:

Zaira Livier
D. Grady Scott

Others Present:

Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office
Danny Garcia, City Clerk's Office
Andrea Ochoa, City Clerk's Office
Delma Sanchez, City Clerk's Office
Piroschka Glinsky, City Attorney's Office

2. Approval of Minutes for the April 12, 2022, meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Samet, and duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners Scott and Livier absent/excused), to approve the minutes from April 12, 2022.



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3. Discussion and possible action whether to resume meeting virtually vs. in person.

James Rappaport, Chair started the discussion regarding whether to continue meeting virtually or go back to in person meetings. He suggested a strong preference to go back to in-person meetings with the possibility of having the technology set up for those who are not able to make it in person. He also asked if the same meeting room would be available.

Bambi Benitez, City Clerk Staff indicated a hybrid type meeting is not fully recommended but if the meeting area has the capability that could be possible. She also stated staff would inquire with the City Manager's Office about the availability of the room.

It was moved by Chair Rappaport to resume meeting in person going forward. Commissioner Samet added an addendum to the motion that the preference would be to meet in person, but if someone has an inability to meet in person they could appear virtually.

Chair Rappaport accepted the addendum to the motion, and duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners Scott and Livier absent/excused).

4. Call to the Audience

There were no public speakers.

5. Review/discuss documents related to the reappointment of City Magistrates (in no particular order):

- **Antonio F. Riojas**
- **T. Jay Cranshaw**

It was moved by Chair Rappaport, and duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, (Commissioners Scott and Livier absent/excused) to enter into Executive Session to discuss the above listed Magistrates for recommendation of reappointment to Mayor and Council.

RECESS: 5:58 P.M.

RECONVIENE: 6:52 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: All present (Commissioners Scott and Livier absent/excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office

Danny Garcia, City Clerk's Office

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Executive Session was held from 5:58 p.m. to 6:52 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Samet, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, (Commissioners Scott and Livier absent/excused) to enter back into Regular Session.

6. Future Agenda Items

Set date for reappointment interview(s)

Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office informed the Commissioners other members of her office would be taking over as the support staff for the commission due to assignment/duty changes within the office.

Discussion ensued regarding setting the dates for another discussion session and interviews of the reappointment process of Judge Riojas and Judge Cranshaw.

May 26, 2023, at 3:00pm was set for another meeting of discussion regarding the reappointment of Judge Riojas and Judge Cranshaw. City Clerk Staff will inquire with the City Manager's Office regarding availability of their meeting room.

June 13, 2023, at 3:00pm was set for the interviews for the reappointment of Judge Riojas and Judge Cranshaw. City Clerk Staff will inquire with the City Manager's Office regarding availability of their meeting room and send out letters to the Judges informing them of their interview date and time.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 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.