



CITY MAGISTRATES MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Approved on April 28, 2025

Via Microsoft Teams/Hybrid
Friday, April 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
Mayor and Council Conference Room
First Floor, City Hall
255 W. Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dina Dieglio at 1:18 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

James Rappaport Chair (arrived at 1:30 p.m.)
Dina Dieglio Vice Chair
Jeanne M. Gacke (electronic attendance via Microsoft Teams)
Dee Dee Samet
Heidi Steiner
Mariam Ferguson

Members Absent/Excused:

Suzette Jimenez

Others Present:

Danny Garcia, City Clerk's Office
Delma Sanchez, City Clerk's Office
Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office
Ruby Calvo-Gutierrez, City Clerk's Office
Jon Paladini, Pierce-Coleman Law Offices

2. Approval of Minutes for the February 26, 2025, meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chair Dieglio, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners Rappaport and Jimenez absent/excused), to approve the minutes from February 26, 2025, with the correction to Item 7, stating "recommending against reappointing City Magistrate Surhio to another 4-year term".

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

***4. Executive Session – Relating to the reappointment of City Magistrate Wendy Million (Commissioners, Independent Legal Counsel, and City Clerk staff only)**

- a) Review/discuss documents relating**
- b) Reappointment interview**
- c) Adjourn Executive Session**



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RECESS: 1:22 P.M.

RECONVENED: 2:11 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Danny Garcia, City Clerk's Office
Delma Sanchez, City Clerk's Office
Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office
Ruby Calvo-Gutierrez, City Clerk's Office
Jon Paladini, Independent Legal Counsel

Executive Session was held from 1:22 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.

Chair Rappaport announced the Commission was back in Regular Session.

5. Resume Regular Session – Direction Regarding Executive Session – Relating to the reappointment of City Magistrate Wendy Million

It was moved by Commissioner Samet, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, (Commissioner Jimenez absent/excused), recommending the reappointment of City Magistrate Million to another 4-year term.

6. Review of Commission's Rules and Regulations - Discussion

This item was continued to a future meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items:

a) Set a date to review/discuss materials relating to candidates applying for a vacant City Magistrate position.

The Commission scheduled April 28, 2025, to review/discuss materials submitted by candidates for the vacant City Magistrate position and to review/discuss materials for the reappointment of City Magistrate Geraldine Hale for another 4-year term.

Commissioner Ferguson departed at 2:22 p.m.

b) Application received from City Magistrate Geraldine Hale

This was discussed at Item 7a.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 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.**