



City Magistrates Merit
Selection Commission
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CITY MAGISTRATES MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the City Magistrates Merit Selection Commission and to the public that the Commission will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public on:

MINUTES

Approved on June 13, 2025

Via Microsoft Teams/Hybrid
Friday, June 6, 2025, at 11:30 a.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 Chair, James Rappaport at 11:35 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

James Rappaport Chair
Dina Dieglio Vice Chair
Mariam Ferguson
Jeanne M. Gacke
Jennifer Hogan
Sharon Matlack
Dee Dee Samet (arrived 11:37 a.m.)
Heidi Steiner

Others Present:

Andrea Barredo, City Clerk's Office
Delma Sanchez, City Clerk's Office
Jon Paladini, Pierce-Coleman Law Offices

2. Public Comment

Judge Geraldine Hale was in attendance but made no comments. Presiding Judge Jeffrey Klotz was also in attendance, addressed the Commission, and answered follow-up questions from the Commission.

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- 3. Discussion and possible action for the Reappointment of Judge Geraldine S. Hale ***
a) Reappointment Interview as scheduled:
Hale, Geraldine S.

It was moved by Vice Chair Dieglio, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 8 to 0, to enter Executive Session as noticed on the agenda.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 12:04 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: All present

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Barredo, City Clerk's Office
Delma Sanchez, City Clerk's Office
Jon Paladini, Independent Legal Counsel

Commissioner Mariam Ferguson departed at 12:18 p.m.

Executive Session was held from 12:04 p.m. to 12:46 p.m.

RECONVENED OPEN SESSION: 12:47 P.M.

Chair Rappaport announced the Commission was back in Regular Session.

It was moved by Chair James Rappaport, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, (Commissioner Ferguson absent/excused), to recommend Judge Hale for reappointment to another 4-year term on the Tucson City Court.

Chair Rappaport announced the Commission would take a short break.

RECESS: 12:51 P.M.

RECONVENED: 1:01 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Barredo, City Clerk's Office
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- 4. Discussion and possible action to fill vacant City Magistrate position***
a) Candidate interviews as scheduled:
Rochelle, Jennifer G.

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It was moved by Commissioner Samet, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0, (Commissioner Ferguson absent/excused), to enter Executive Session as noticed on the agenda.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:04 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT:

**Andrea Barredo, City Clerk's Office
Delma Sanchez, City Clerk's Office
Jon Paladini, Independent Legal Counsel**

Executive Session was held from 1:04 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.

RECONVENED OPEN SESSION: 2:11 P.M.

Chair Rappaport announced the Commission was back in Regular Session.

The interview was conducted with Rochelle, Jennifer G.

No further action was taken.

5. Future Agenda Items (for discussion only):

- a) Interview Process to fill vacant City Magistrate position
 - Bond, Alan D.
 - Franklin, Kevin B.
 - Skitzki, Paul J.
- b) Review/discuss Magistrate Application/Questionnaire changes/edits
- c) Review Commission Rules & Regulations/Policies
- d) Discussion on judicial application process and daily functions of City Court with Presiding Judge Klotz

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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