



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 October 3, 2025

Via Microsoft Teams/Hybrid
Friday, June 13, 2025, at 9:30 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 9:32 a.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
Heidi Steiner

Others Present:

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 April 28, 2025, and June 6, 2025 meetings.

It was moved by Commissioner Samet, duly seconded, and PASSED by a roll call vote of 8 to 0, to approve the minutes from April 28, 2025, and June 6, 2025.

3. Public Comment

Judge Klotz was in attendance (via Microsoft Teams) but made no comments.

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4. Discussion and possible action to fill vacant City Magistrate position*
- a) Candidate interviews as scheduled:
- Bond, Alan D.
 - Franklin, Kevin B.
 - ~~Rochelle, Jennifer G.~~ (Moved to June 6, 2025)
 - Skitzki, Paul J.

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

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:34 A.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: All present

STAFF PRESENT:

**Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office
Ruby Calvo-Gutierrez, City Clerk's Office
Jon Paladini, Independent Legal Counsel**

RECESS: 11:08 A.M.

RECONVENED: 11:22 A.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: All present

STAFF PRESENT:

**Bambi Benitez, City Clerk's Office
Ruby Calvo-Gutierrez, City Clerk's Office
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RECESS: 12:41 P.M.

RECONVENED: 12:54 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: All present

STAFF PRESENT:

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Jon Paladini, Independent Legal Counsel**

RECESS: 2:34 P.M.

RECONVENED: 2:39 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: All present

STAFF PRESENT:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:36 a.m. to 3:21 p.m.

RECONVENED OPEN SESSION: 3:22 P.M.

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It was moved by Commissioner Samet, duly seconded, and FAILED by a roll call vote of 5 to 3 (Chair Rappaport and Commissioners Ferguson, Gacke, Hogan and Matlack Dissented) to forward the following candidates in ranked order to Mayor and Council for recommendation, Alan D. Bond, Paul Skitzki and Jennifer Rochelle.

It was moved by Vice Chair Dieglio, duly seconded, and PASSED by a roll call vote of 8 to 0 to forward the following candidates in ranked order to Mayor and Council for recommendation, Alan D. Bond and Paul Skitzki.

5. Discussion and possible direction regarding disclosure to Magistrate candidates for appointment or re-appointment of public written comments and submitted materials prior to interview date.

It was moved by Vice Chair Dieglio, duly seconded, to allow all applicants and reapplicants to opt in to receive all public comments received by the City Clerk's Office.

A subsequent motion was made by Commissioner Samet moved to table the discussion on the Magistrate Application/Questionnaire, invite Judge Klotz to meet with the commission and talk about some of the issues both with the application and trying to get more people to apply. Motion FAILED due to lack of a second.

It was moved by Vice Chair Dieglio, duly seconded, PASSED by a roll call vote of 7 to 1 (Commissioner Samet dissented) to allow all applicants and reapplicants to opt in to receive all public comments received by the City Clerk's Office.

5 6. Future Agenda Items:

- a) Review/discuss Magistrate Application/Questionnaire changes/edits
- b) Review Commission Rules & Regulations/Policies

Items scheduled for discussion and possible action on October 3, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

6 7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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