



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 January 30, 2026

Via Microsoft Teams/Hybrid
Friday, October 31, 2025, at 9:00 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 9:12 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

Members Absent:

None

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 October 3, 2025, meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Samet, duly seconded, and PASSED by a roll call vote of 8 to 0, to approve the minutes from October 3, 2025.

3. Public Comment

Judge Klotz made public comments regarding Judge Bleau.

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- 4. Discussion and possible action for the Reappointment of Judge Jeffrey A. Klotz and Judge Ryan Bleau.***
- a) Reappointment Interview as scheduled:
Klotz, Jeffrey A.**
 - b) Reappointment Interview as scheduled:
Bleau, Ryan**

It was moved by Commissioner Samet, 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: 9:19 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**

Chair Rappaport departed at 9:40 A.M. and returned at 9:47 A.M.

RECESS: 9:51 A.M.

RECONVENED: 9:58 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: 9:19 A.M.

RECONVENED: 11:05 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**

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:19 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

RECONVENED OPEN SESSION: 11:05 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Samet, duly seconded, and PASSED by a roll call vote of 8 to 0, to recommend Judge Klotz for reappointment to another 4-year term on the Tucson City Court.

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Judge Klotz made public comments regarding Judge Bleau.

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.

RECESS: 11:06 A.M.

RECONVENED: 11:09 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**

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:10 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: 11:15 A.M.

RECONVENED: 11:24 A.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: All present

STAFF PRESENT:

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Jon Paladini, Independent Legal Counsel**

Executive Session was held from 11:15 A.M. to 11:24 A.M.

RECONVENED OPEN SESSION: 11:24 A.M.

Chair Rappaport announced the Commission was back in Regular Session.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Dieglio, duly seconded, and PASSED by a roll call vote of 8 to 0, to recommend Judge Bleau for reappointment to another 4-year term on the Tucson City Court.

5. Discussion and possible action of the Commission Rules, Regulations and Policies.

It was moved by Chair Rappaport, duly seconded, and PASSED by a roll call vote of 8 to 0, to CONTINUE this item.

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6. Discussion and possible action of changes to the Magistrates Reappointment and Recruitment of new Applicants Questionnaires.

It was moved by Chair Rappaport, duly seconded, and PASSED by a roll call vote of 8 to 0, to CONTINUE this item.

7. Future Agenda Items:

- a) Set Date for Reappointment Interviews for Judge Verenna
- b) Review/discuss Magistrate Application/Questionnaire changes/edits
- c) Review Commission Rules & Regulations/Policies

Items scheduled for discussion and possible action on January 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

No formal action was taken.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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