

CITY OF SURPRISE
JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY COMMISSION (JSAC) MINUTES

16000 N. Civic Center Plaza

Surprise, AZ 85374

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Call to Order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. Roll Call - Members present: Chair Swann, Vice-Chair Lang, Commissioners Carey, Gaunt, Hanzel, Jessen, and Stutzman.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports – None
- E. Staff Reports – None
- F. Judicial Selection Advisory Commission Agenda

Call to the Public: No comments from public.

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Consideration and action pertaining to the approval of the September 2, 2020 of the Judicial Selection Advisory Commission meeting minutes – APPROVED
M: Jessen 2nd: Stutzman Votes: 7 Yes Votes

Regular Agenda:

- 2. Discussion and review of the reappointment process and timeline for Presiding Judge Louis Frank Dominguez – APPROVED

M: Lang S: Stutzman Votes: 7 Yes Votes

The commission discussed the reappointment process and timeline, and the fact that it would be the same for Judge Dominguez and Associate Judge Gaudreau.

- 3. Discussion and review of the reappointment process and timeline for Associate Judge Catherine Ann Gaudreau – APPROVED

M: Lang S: Stutzman Votes: 7 Yes Votes

The commission discussed the reappointment process and timeline, and the fact that it would be the same for Judge Dominguez and Associate Judge Gaudreau.

4. Discussion and possible action scheduling a future public input meeting and directing city staff to conduct a judicial performance survey of the current Presiding Judge, including inquiring on pending and past disciplinary actions and soliciting information on administrative performance from the Surprise City Court - APPROVED

The commission discussed the reappointment process and timeline, and the fact that it would be the same for Judge Dominguez and Associate Judge Gaudreau. At the end of the meeting chairman Swann summarized the survey timeline, content, and process and the commission voted on items in one action. The commission will meet on April 22, 2021 to hold the public hearing and discuss the survey results and make a recommendation to Council.

M: Jessen 2nd: Hanzel Votes: 7 Yes Votes

5. Discussion and possible action scheduling a future public input meeting and directing city staff to conduct a judicial performance survey of the current Associate Judge, including inquiring on pending and past disciplinary actions and soliciting information on administrative performance from the Surprise City Court - APPROVED

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G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items - NONE

H. Executive Session - NONE

I. Adjournment M: Jessen 2nd: Hanzel Vote: Chair adjourned meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Peter Swann, JSAC Chair

ATTEST:

Maria Aranda, JSAC Secretary

CERTIFICATION:

I, Maria Aranda, Secretary for the Judicial Selection Advisory Commission of the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Judicial Selection Advisory Commission Meeting of September 2, 2020.

Maria Aranda, JSAC Secretary