

**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY COMMISSION (JSAC) MINUTES**

16000 N. Civic Center Plaza  
Surprise, AZ 85374  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Chair Carey at 6:00p.m.
- B. Roll Call – members present: Chair Carey, Vice-Chair Lang; Commissioners Furuya, Jessen, Stutzman, and Valles; Excused absence: Commissioner Hanzel
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports – Informational item regarding modification to City Code. Explanation was provided regarding modification of residency requirements for members.
- E. Staff Reports – Update regarding no requests for FY25 judges. Current judges will be up for reappointment in 2025. City code requires commission to meet before January 31, 2025.
- 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 April 27, 2023, Judicial Selection Advisory Commission meeting minutes – APPROVED

Motion: Jessen  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Valles  
Votes: 6 Yes Votes.

Regular Agenda Item: Non-Public Hearing

- 2. Consideration and action pertaining to the selection of a chair for the Judicial Selection Advisory Commission

Chair Carey provided a brief overview of the yearly appointment and opened the item for discussion/nomination. Vice-chair Lang made a motion that the chair be retained as chair.

Motion: Lang  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Stutzman  
Votes: 5 Yes Votes; Abstain: Chair Carey

3. Consideration and action pertaining to the selection of a vice-chair for the Judicial Selection Advisory Commission

Chair Carey opened the item for discussion and nomination. Vice-Chair Lang nominated Commissioner Furuya as vice-chair of the commission.

Motion: Lang

2<sup>nd</sup>: Carey

Votes: 5 Yes Votes; Abstain: Commissioner Furuya

4. Discussion and action pertaining to amending the Judicial Selection Advisory Commission Procedural Rules.

Chair Carey opened the item for discussion and gave an overview of the amendment at the City level regarding residency of commission members. Chair Carey asked for discussion ahead of a vote. Staff advised Chair Carey that the commission does not have authority to amend City Code. The meeting moved forward with Chair Carey asking if there are any procedural rules to discuss for amendment. There were no items to discuss and the meeting proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

#### G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

Chair Carey opened the discussion by stating that per statute the commission is required to meet before January 31, of next year due to the current judges being up for reappointment in 2025. Chair Carey asked Staff for clarification of any constraints with other meeting requirements. Staff advised that the recommendation has go to Council and Staff would need sufficient time to place the meeting on Council's calendar.


Staff was directed to coordinate scheduling a meeting in January and up to two (2) meetings after January. JSAC members provided availability and requested Staff to coordinate the meetings.

#### H. Executive Session – NONE

#### I. Adjournment

Chair Carey commented that there is no other business to discuss and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Stutzman made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Jessen. Chair Carey adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

  
Flynn Carey, JSAC Chair 1/15/25

ATTEST:

  
Rhesha Craigen, JSAC Secretary 1/15/25

CERTIFICATION:

I, Rhesha Craigen, 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 May 15, 2024.

  
Rhesha Craigen, JSAC Secretary 1/15/25