

CITY OF SURPRISE
JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY COMMISSION (JSAC) MINUTES

16000 N. Civic Center Plaza

Surprise, AZ 85374

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Call to Order at 6:02 p.m.
- B. Roll Call - Members present: Chair Cary Vice-Chair Furuya, Commissioners Jessen, Lang, Stutzman, and Valles.
- 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 January 15, 2025, Judicial Selection Advisory Commission meeting minutes – APPROVED

Motion: Stutzman

2nd: Jessen

Votes: 6 Yes Votes; 0 No Votes

Regular Agenda – Public Hearing:

2. Consideration and action pertaining to the recommendation to Surprise City Council for the reappointment of Presiding Judge Louis Frank Dominguez, whose current term expires June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Lang– Has had an opportunity to run into Judge Dominguez at many events and his leadership is consistent and visible and he presents a great face to the legal community for the City of Surprise.

Vice- Chair Furuya– Not only is he (Judge Dominguez) a leader in the community, but he is a role model to those who share his background

Chair Carey – Appreciates that Judge Dominguez was accommodating of someone’s 9-month old child in the courtroom. Also, that City Court judges are important for the judiciary because that’s the only experience a lot of people will have with the judiciary.

Motion: Jessen
2nd: Furuya
Votes: 6 Yes; 0 No

3. Consideration and action pertaining to the recommendation to Surprise City Council for the reappointment of Associate Judge Catherine Ann Gaudreau, whose current term expires June 30, 2025.

Chair Carey–Very positive evaluations. Demystifying what judges do. Access to judges. Article writing. Cares about getting information about the law to the public.

Commissioner Stutzman – Passion comes through in her writing. Percentage of protection orders that come through the City of Surprise.

Vice-Chair Furuya – Survey responses were well thought out. Spoke to broad base of knowledge.

Votes:6 Yes Votes; 0 No Votes

- G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items – Chair Carey thanked Court and HR staff for their work on putting together the reappointment packets and surveys. Commissioner Lang also commented on the binder. No future items were added to the agenda.

H. Executive Session

None.

I. Adjournment

Motion: Lang
2nd:Jessen

Chair Carey adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Flynn Carey, JSAC Chair

ATTEST:

Rhesha Craigen, JSAC

Secretary 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 March 26, 2025.

Rhesha Craigen, JSAC Secretary

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