

**Appointments Committee**  
State Bar of Arizona  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85016

June 3, 2020  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Location: State Bar of Arizona

**Open Session Minutes**

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

V = present virtually; A = absent.

Jessica Sanchez, Acting Chair	V	Juan Flamand	V
Casey Arellano	V	Marla Hudgens	A
Hon. John Blanchard	V	Adrienne Jones	V
Nicholas Chapman-Hushek	V	Cid Kallen	V
Alison Crane	V	Judy O'Neill	V
Judith Dávila	V	Amanda Parker	V
Maguette Eluyode	V	Andrew Reilly	V
Alison Ferrante	A	Javier Torres	V
Alexis Firehawk	V	Shayna Watts	V

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

**Guests:** None

**State Bar Staff:** Carrie Sherman

**Minutes taken by:** Carrie Sherman

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Called to Order by:** Jessica Sanchez, Acting Chair

**Time:** 3:07 p.m.

**II. Call to the Public:** None.

**III. Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and carried over one abstention to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020, Committee meeting as disseminated.

**IV. Executive Session:** As there were no members of the public attending the meeting, the Committee proceeded to screen applications without the need to move into Executive Session.

V. **City of Avondale Judicial Advisory Board:** Chair Sanchez reported that the Avondale City Council voted to reappoint Judge David Fuller, the State Bar's representative, to its JAB. Judge Fuller will serve a second four-year term. This business matter was removed from the Committee's agenda. The one new applicant had also applied to serve on the Board of Legal Specialization and that individual was vetted for the BLS later in the meeting.

VI. **City of Scottsdale Judicial Appointments Advisory Board:** The Committee received due diligence reports on the two candidates. Although the Scottsdale City Council requests three nominations per opening, the two candidates who applied were deemed qualified to serve on the JAAB. Ms. Tricia Schafer received unanimous support from the Committee.

**MOTION:** A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board of Governors that the two candidates be nominated to the Scottsdale City Council for its consideration in selecting a State Bar Active Member to serve on the Scottsdale Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. The candidates are:

Ms. Tricia Schafer, Vitality Law PLLC – received the Committee's unanimous endorsement

Mr. Steven Michael Jackson, Steven M. Jackson Law Group, LLC

VII. **State Bar of Arizona Board of Legal Specialization:**

**Specialists (2 openings):** The Committee received due diligence reports on the three candidates listed as specialists. Each Committee member then voted for their top candidate.

**MOTION:** A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board of Governors the following qualified candidates for its consideration to nominate to the Supreme Court to fill two positions:

Ms. Phoebe Moffatt, Sacks Tierney PA

Mr. Brian Irvin Clymer, Brian Clymer Attorney at Law

An error was pointed out in the materials indicating that an applicant listed as a non-specialist was in fact a certified specialist. The Committee received the due diligence report on the specialist and agreed to reassess its previous action. Each Committee member then re-voted on their top candidate.

**MOTION:** A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board of Governors the following slate of qualified candidates for its consideration to nominate to the Supreme Court to fill two positions:

Ms. Phoebe Moffatt, Sacks Tierney PA – 6 votes

Mr. Jeffrey M. Neff, Udall Law Firm LLP – 5 votes

Mr. Brian Irvin Clymer, Brian Clymer Attorney at Law – 2 votes

**Non-Specialists (3 openings)**

The Committee received due diligence reports on the three applicants and voted on their top candidate.

**MOTION:** A motion was made, seconded and carried over one abstention to recommend to the Board of Governors the following slate of qualified ranked candidates for its consideration to nominate to the Supreme Court to fill three positions:

Ms. Elizabeth Barton Ortiz, APAAAC (incumbent) – ranked #1

Ms. Georgette Morphis Hasiotis, Hasiotis Law Firm PLLC – ranked #2

Mr. Blake William Joseph Moscatello, Goodson Manley Law & Legacies, PLLC – ranked #3

**Public Members (3 openings)**

After receiving due diligence reports on the applicants, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Governors the following slate of qualified candidates for its consideration to nominate to the Supreme Court to fill two of the three positions:

Mr. James R. Anderson, CPA (incumbent)

Mr. Robert Denison (incumbent)

After several months of extensive advertising and recruitment, the Appointments Committee and the BLS staff were unable to attract the minimum number of public member applicants. After discussion, the Committee agreed to provide the following options to the Board of Governors moving forward: 1) the Committee continuing its efforts to hopefully submit an additional candidate(s) for the Board's consideration in the future or 2) the Board could inquire whether the Court wishes to proceed to appoint a public member of its choosing to fill the third opening.

**VIII. Adjournment:** A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.