

Special Constitutional Appointments Committee
State Bar of Arizona

February 17, 2022
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ZOOM

Open Session Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

V = present virtually; A = absent.

Benjamin Taylor, Chair	V	Alison Crane	A
Robyn Austin	A	Juan Flamand	V
Doreen McPaul	V	Marla Hudgens	V
John Moody, Vice Chair	V	Georgia Staton	V
Jimmie Smith	V		

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Guests: James Rappaport

State Bar Staff: Carrie Sherman

Minutes taken by: Carrie Sherman

Called to Order by: Benjamin Taylor, Chair

Time 4:03 p.m.

I. Call to the Public: Mr. Rappaport, a candidate, was interested in the process. He departed the meeting when the Committee proceeded with its due diligence reports.

II. Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments: There are two non-Maricopa County positions. Due diligence reports were presented on the applicants. Each Committee member then cast two votes for their two top candidates. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to recommend the following constitutionally qualified candidates who received votes to the Board of Governors as ranked:

<u>APPLICANT</u>		<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>POLITICAL PARTY</u>
*Mr. Ammon D. Barker, Coconino County Attorney's Office	3 votes	Coconino	Democrat
*Ms. Tina Vannucci, Fitzgibbons Law Offices	3 votes	Pinal	Independent
Ms. Nancy Davis, Pima County Dept. of Finance/Risk Mgmt	2 votes	Pima	Democrat
Mr. John Leader, Leader Law Firm	1 vote	Pima	Democrat
Mr. Joe Machado, Law Office of JL Machado	1 vote	Pima	Democrat
Mr. James Rappaport, AG's Office	1 vote	Pima	Democrat
Mr. G. Micah Schmit, U.S. Attorney's Office	1 vote	Pima	Independent
*Incumbent			

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>POLITICAL PARTY</u>
<u>Constitutionally qualified but received no votes:</u>		
Mr. Christopher Gast, UA College of Law	Pima	Democrat
Ms. Tanya Miller, U.S. Attorney's Office	Pima	Independent
Mr. Joshua Smith, City of Page	Coconino	Independent
Mr. Geoffrey Ulreich, West-Watt Law PLC	Pima	Democrat

III. Coconino County Commission on Trial Court Appointments: One application was received for each position. Due diligence reports were presented on the applicants. Each candidate was deemed constitutionally qualified. A motion was made, seconded and carried over one dissent to recommend all four candidates to the Board of Governors.

Supervisorial District 1

Ms. Ashley A. DeBoard, Flagstaff Law Group Democrat

Supervisorial District 2

Ms. Rose M. Winkeler, Coconino County Attorney's Office (incumbent) Democrat

Supervisorial District 3

Mr. Mark D. Huston, Coconino County Attorney's Office Republican

Supervisorial District 5

Mr. Joshua T. Smith, City of Page Independent

IV. Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments: Due diligence reports were presented on the applicants. The Committee members agreed to cast one vote for their top candidate. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to recommend the following constitutionally qualified candidates to the Board of Governors as ranked:

<u>APPLICANT</u>		<u>POLITICAL PARTY</u>
Mr. David Keys-Nunes, Lisa A. Durant & Associates, State Farm	3 votes	Democrat
Ms. Lina Garcia, Maricopa County Public Defender's Office	2 votes	Democrat
Ms. Kathleen Wieneke, Wieneke Law Group PLC	1 vote	Republican

Constitutionally qualified but received no votes:

Mr. Shannon Clark, Gallagher & Kennedy PA Democrat
 Ms. Phoebe Moffatt, Sacks Tierney PA Democrat

V. Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments: Due diligence reports were presented on the two applicants. Each Committee member then cast a vote for their top candidate. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to recommend the following constitutionally qualified candidates to the Board of Governors as ranked:

APPLICANT

**POLITICAL
PARTY**

*Mr. Walter P. Nash III, Law Offices of Walter B Nash III PC	5 votes	Democrat
Mr. John E. Aboud, Aboud & Aboud PC	1 vote	Republican
*Incumbent		

VI. Pinal County Commission on Trial Court Appointments: The due diligence report had previously been given as the applicant was an incumbent on the Appellate Commission. Candidate was willing to serve on the Trial Court Commission as there were no other candidates. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to recommend the constitutionally qualified candidate to the Board of Governors:

Supervisory District 3

Ms. Tina Vannucci, Fitzgibbons Law Offices	Independent
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VII. Ongoing Recruitment

No applications were received for the following positions which will be reopened and re-advertised:

- Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisory District 5
- Pinal County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisory Districts 2, 4 and 5

VIII. Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m.