

Appointments Committee
State Bar of Arizona

November 15, 2022
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ZOOM

Open Session Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

V = present virtually; A = absent.

Ted Schmidt, Chair	V	Kathryn Krejci	V
Caroline Allen	V	Kim Miles	V
Casey Arellano	V	Judy O’Neill	V
Chad Beckett	A	Tim Sparling	V
Stephanie Ehrbright	V	Georgia Staton	V
Alexis Firehawk	V		

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Guests: April Elliott, Executive Director, Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
Brian Allen, City of Mesa Judicial Advisory Board Candidate

State Bar Staff: Carrie Sherman

Minutes taken by: Carrie Sherman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order by: Ted Schmidt, Chair

Time: 3:30 p.m.

II. Call to the Public

The guests listed above indicated they were present as they were interested in the Committee’s process.

III. Minutes

Judy O’Neill moved, Stephanie Ehrbright seconded and the motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Committee meeting carried unanimously.

IV. ABA Delegate

There is one opening. The Committee screened the four applications and received the due diligence report on each candidate. The members then cast up to two votes for their top two candidates:

Ernest Calderón – 10 votes
Tiffany Tom – 10 votes

The Committee voted unanimously to submit the two candidates to the Board of Governors for its consideration in appointing one State Bar Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

V. Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct

There is one opening. The Committee screened only 10 new applications, as one candidate had withdrawn earlier in the process, and one previous application. Due diligence reports were provided. The members then cast up to three votes for their top three candidates:

Scott Silva - 8 votes
Sandra Hunter - 5 votes
Andrew Jacobs - 5 votes
Richard Brooks - 4 votes
Frances Sjoberg - 2 votes
Jeffrey Altieri - 1 vote
Richard Palmer - 1 vote
J.C. Patrascioiu - 1 vote
Kristy Perkins - 1 vote

The Committee voted unanimously to submit the three top vote getters to the Board of Governors for its consideration in appointing one member to serve on the ACJC.

VI. City of Mesa Judicial Advisory Board

Candidate Brian Allen was no longer on the Zoom call.

There is one opening; three nominations are requested. At the September meeting, the Committee screened three applications and voted to recommend two candidates to the Board of Governors. The Board concurred with the Committee's recommendations. When notified of the Bar's two nominations, the Mesa City Court staff requested three nominations pursuant to the Mesa City Code governing the JAB. The position was reopened and re-advertised.

The Committee unanimously agreed to continue to advocate for its original two candidates: Keith Berkshire and Aimee Costa. The members screened the five new applications and received the due diligence reports. The members then cast up to two votes for their top two candidates:

Sonia Martinez - 8 votes
Sarah De Oliveira - 5 votes
Brian Allen - 2 votes
Jeffrey Altieri - 1 vote
Adam Dougherty - 1 vote

The Committee voted unanimously to submit the two top vote getters to the Board of Governors for its consideration in determining its three nominations to

the Mesa City Council. The Committee's slate in its entirety is:

Keith Berkshire
Aimee Costa
Sonia Martinez
Sarah De Oliveira

VII. DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc. Board of Directors

There are two openings. The Committee screened the 10 new applications and three previous applications and received the due diligence report on each candidate. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board of Governors the reappointment of the two incumbents: Virjinya Torrez and Nancy White.

After further discussion, recognizing the strong candidate pool, the Committee agreed to also recommend Katya Lancero.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:50 p.m.