



PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATION COMMISSION

State of Georgia

Investigative Panel Regular Open Meeting Summary

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

4:00pm

VIDEOCONFERENCE

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The meeting opened at 4:02 PM
- 2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum present
 - All Investigative Panel Commissioners present: District Attorney Randy McGinley, Chairman, Judge John Ott, Commissioner, Mr. Jason Saliba, Commissioner, Joey Cowart, Commissioner, Steve Scheer, Commissioner
 - PAQC Staff present: Ian Heap, Executive Director, Barbara Baucum, Executive Assistant
 - Members of the Public: Ms. Stephanie Lee
- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST REGULAR MEETING: Motion from Chairman McGinley to pass with a second from Commissioner Saliba. All were in favor.
- 4) CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: Randy McGinley welcomed members of the public who had joined the meeting and mentioned that some things on the agenda would be done publicly, and some things would have to be discussed in a closed session based on the nature of the statute and the status of those investigations. No other comments.
- 5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT –
 - a. Financial Report: we returned \$250,000 and are within budget and on track to meet projections.
 - b. The PAQC now falls under the Administrative Operation of Courts (AOC). It comes at a lower administration fee, and commissioners' travel reimbursements may be easier.
 - c. The meeting with the AOC Director, fiscal, and HR staff went very well, and the transition is going smoothly.

- d. The PAQC, including all commissioners, now has access to online security through a company called DeleteMe. AOC recommended this for online and physical protection.

7) NON-COMPLAINT CASES

- a. Not valid- documented
- b. Valid- procedure

8) DEPUTIZATION OF INVESTIGATORS

- a. This is for their safety, as well as the safety of other staff.
- b. Deputization should come from two different jurisdictions in case a complaint comes from a deputization jurisdiction.

9) MEDIA REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS: There has been some requests from the media, but it has all been about particular cases, which are not allowed to be discussed per statute. However, if there are general requests about the mission of the PAQC, these requests for an interview can be honored.

10) AMENDING PAQC RULES: The PAQC staff is working on a draft to amend rules to ensure they fall within the statute and to add anything that may be missing.

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO HANDLE DOCKET – A motion was made by Chairman McGinley to go to Executive Session and was seconded by Commissioner Scheer. All cases are still statutorily confidential (case files available to IP panel in IP Shared Site, note the folder of cases already screened out by Director and one appeal of a screened case). Personnel matters were also discussed.

13) OLD BUSINESS: None

14) NEW BUSINESS: None

15) ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.