



## **PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATION COMMISSISON**

### **State of Georgia**

#### **Open Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

4:00pm

VIDEOCONFERENCE

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Investigative Panel of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualification Commission of the State of Georgia was held via video conference. Investigative Panel (IP) Chairman Randy McGinley Chaired the meeting, and Ms. Baucum served as Recording Secretary.

#### **Investigative Panel**

##### **Members Present:**

Mr. Randy McGinley, Chairman  
Mr. Joey Cowart, Vice Chairman  
Judge John Ott, Member  
Mr. Jason Saliba, Member  
Mr. Steve Scheer, Member

#### **PAQC Staff Members**

##### **Present:**

Mr. Ian Heap, Executive Director  
Ms. Barbara Baucum, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Greg Blackmon, Investigator

#### **Members of the Public:**

Mr. Jermaine Day  
Mr. Kenneth Bates  
Mr. Dwayne Howell  
Mr. Keith Barber  
Mr. Javier Trejo

#### **Chairman's Comments:**

Chairman Randy McGinley called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum of the Panel was present.

Chairman McGinley made a motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular IP meeting on April 9, 2025. Commissioner Saliba seconded this. All were in favor.

Chairman Randy McGinley welcomed the members of the public who had joined the meeting and noted that some agenda items would be discussed publicly, while others would require a closed session due to the nature of the statute and the status of the investigations. No other comments.

### **Director's Report:**

Director Heap opened with a legislative update: SB 218 (the retirement bill) did not pass, but it remains alive for next year. The status of SB 216 is unknown. It was reported out of committee, but it had the second-lowest priority for study. Director Heap clarified that the FY2026 budget does move the PAQC from PAC to AOC. There will be no increase and no cuts. This will take effect on July 1, 2025.

Financial Report: The PAQC is within budget and on track to meet projections. He discussed that if there are any costs for any conflict matters, spending should be made in FY2025. Chairman McGinley said the offer date for the Conflict Attorney will be April 15, 2025.

Office update: The PAQC is still renting a month-to-month space share and anticipates signing a lease soon. The Attorney General's office has reviewed the contract for the office space and has been approved. It has been sent to the landlord for approval and signature.

At 4:40 pm, a motion was made by Chairman McGinley to go into Executive Session, which Vice Commissioner Scheer seconded. The executive session is used to handle the docket, which contains all statutory confidential cases, and to discuss personnel issues. Public guests were placed in the waiting room. Executive Session ended at 5:02 pm.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New business: Director Heap spoke to the Commissioners about obtaining their credentials, including ID badges, business cards, and other necessary items. Randy McGinley stated that the next meeting would be held on May 16, 2025. He thanked the public for attending. Chairman McGinley made a motion, which Jason Saliba seconded. All were in favor.

There being no further old or new business for discussion, Commissioner Saliba made a motion to adjourn, and Chairman McGinley seconded it.

The Open Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.

The Investigative Panel of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualification Commission approved these minutes.