



PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATION COMMISSISON

State of Georgia

Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 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. Cedric Herbert
Ms. Jeannie Hudson

Chairman's Comments:

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

Commissioner Jason Saliba made a motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular IP meeting on April 9, 2025. Commissioner Judge Ott 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 reported that the PAQC is now permanently located in an office, having previously been situated in two temporary locations. He additionally noted that the PAQC was within budget and on track to meet projections. He discussed that as of July 1, 2025, the PAQC would transition from administrative oversight under the PAC to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). This is at a significantly lower cost of \$25,000, or 2.3% of the total budget. The last item of discussion was a request for approval to hire a second investigator due to the increased pace.

At 4:25 pm, a motion was made by Chairman McGinley to go into Executive Session, which Mr. Jason Saliba seconded. The executive session is used to handle the docket, which contains all statutory confidential cases, and to discuss personnel issues. Executive Session ended at 4:46 pm.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New business: There was discussion about the procedural requirements of OCGA 15-18-32, the governing rules, and how they pertain to disciplinary action. The IP Commission voted to allow Director Heap to hire a new investigator in the current fiscal year. Chairman McGinley made a motion, which Jason Saliba seconded. All were in favor.

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

The Open Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

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