



PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

State of Georgia

Regular Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

4:00 pm

VIDEOCONFERENCE

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Investigative Panel of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia was held by video conference. Chairman Randy McGinley chaired the meeting, and Ms. Baucum served as Recording Secretary.

Investigative Panel

Members Present:

District Attorney Randy McGinley, Chairman
Joey Cowart, Vice Chairman
Judge John Ott, Commissioner
Jason Saliba, Commissioner
Steve Scheer, Commissioner

PAQC Staff Members

Present:

Mr. Ian Heap, Executive Director
Ms. Barbara Baucum, Executive Assistant

Members of the Public

Ms. Stephanie Lee

Chairman's Comments:

Chairman Randy McGinley called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and determined that a quorum of the Panel was present.

A motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular May 14, 2025, Investigative Panel was called by Chairman McGinley and seconded by Commissioner Saliba. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: Randy McGinley welcomed members of the public who had joined the meeting and mentioned that some items on the agenda 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 –

- a. Financial Report: Over \$250,000 was returned to the state. The PAQC is 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.

DEPUTIZATION OF INVESTIGATORS

Until legislation is passed, an alternative solution is to deputize the 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.

MEDIA REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS: There have 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.

AMENDING PAQC RULES: The PAQC staff are working on a draft to amend the rules, ensuring they align with the statute and adding any necessary elements that may be missing.

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 are available to the IP panel in the IP Shared Site; note the folder of cases already screened out by the Director and one appeal of a screened case). Personnel matters were also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.

