



PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATION COMMISSION

State of Georgia

Investigative Panel Regular Open Meeting Summary

Wednesday, Sept 10, 2025

4:00pm

VIDEOCONFERENCE

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The meeting opened at 4:04 PM
- 2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum present
 - Investigative Panel Commissioners present: District Attorney Randy McGinley, Chairman, Judge John Ott, Commissioner, Mr. Jason Saliba, Commissioner, Steve Scheer, Commissioner
 - PAQC Staff present: Ian Heap, Executive Director, Barbara Baucum, Executive Assistant, Gregory Blackmon, Investigator, Nicole Magnani, Investigator
 - No members of the public were in attendance.
 - IP Commissioner Joey Cowart was excused due to court duties.
- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST REGULAR MEETING: Motion from Commissioner Saliba to pass with a second from Commissioner Scheer. All were in favor.
- 4) CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: Chairman McGinley mentioned to Executive Director Heap that Josh Delefonte, who is in the same firm as Chuck Boring, would be reaching out to him. He also said that he knows how busy everyone is and appreciates their time. No other comments.
- 5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT –
 - a. Financial Report: The PAQC is within budget and receives monthly reports from AOC Finance. The FY27 budget is complete and has been submitted to the AOC, as well as the House and Senate Budget Senior Analysts. Chairman McGinley asked if we had heard any information on budgets being cut due to the potential legislation on GA State Tax being rescinded. Executive Director Heap replied in the negative but mentioned that if we had to make a cut, we would be able to do so.

- b. Supplemental Annual Report: Since the PAQC had not been fully operational for an entire year, we are doing a supplemental report to capture the remaining months of that year with updated statistics and other new business.
- c. AOC Update: AOC is wonderful to work with; they are responsive, and all fiscal and HR functions are running smoothly.
- d. Cyber Security: Several Georgia government agencies have been targeted with cyber attacks. AOC recommended using a company called DeleteMe and commissioners and staff have access to this online security. AOC also conducted an audit of PAQC's IT provider, and we are awaiting the results.
- e. Deputization: There was a meeting with Terry Norris to discuss options for the PAQC investigators. This is for their safety, as well as the safety of other staff. Deputization should originate from two different jurisdictions in the event a complaint arises from a deputization jurisdiction. One investigator has been deputized at this time.
- f. Legislation: The legislation season is coming up, and Director Heap is already working on the bills that were introduced last session.

6.) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO HANDLE DOCKET – A motion was made by Chairman McGinley to go to Executive Session at 4:20 PM and was seconded by Commissioner Saliba. 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 the Director and two appeals of screened cases). Personnel matters were also discussed. Executive Session ended at 6:09 PM

7.) ELECTIONS: Commissioner Saliba nominated Chairman McGinley to remain as the Chairman. He made a motion, which Commissioner Ott seconded. All voted in Favor. Commissioner Ott nominated Commissioner Saliba as the Vice Chairman. Chairman McGinley made a motion, which Commissioner Ott seconded. All voted in favor.

8.) OLD BUSINESS: None

9.) NEW BUSINESS: None

15) ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.