



PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

State of Georgia

Open Meeting Summary

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

4 PM via Videoconference

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Commissioners present:

- Randy McGinley, Chairman
- Jason Saliba, Vice Chairman
- Steve Sheer, Commissioner
- John Ott, Commissioner
- Joey Cowar, Commissioner

PAQC Staff Members present:

- Ian Heap, Executive Director
- Abigail Ramirez, Executive Assistant
- Greg Blackmon, Chief Special Commission Investigator
- Nicole Magnani, Special Commission Investigator

Total members of the public: 1

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING

The meeting minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on November 12, 2025 were approved. Mr. McGinley motioned and Mr. Saliba seconded.

4) CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. McGinley thanked Commissioners and PAQC Staff members for their hard work. He also announced that the legislative session has started.

5) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Welcome Abigail Ramirez

Ms. Ramirez was hired as the PAQC's Executive Assistant.

b) 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule

i) Remains consistent

Regularly scheduled meetings will continue to be held every other month on the second Wednesday.

ii) Veterans' Day Nov 11

The current meeting schedule projects a meeting should be held on November 11, 2026. This meeting was rescheduled to November 4, 2026 as November 11th is a State holiday.

c) Annual Report (printing, dissemination)

Each Commissioner received a copy of the report prior to the meeting. Mr. McGinley stated that Director Heap should send the report to Mr. Joe Mulholland, as Chair of the Georgia Association of District Attorney's, and Bill Finch of Forsyth County, as the Vice Chair of the Georgia Association of Solicitors-General, for further dissemination of the report.

d) Legislative Season

Subpoena power, addressed through State Bill 218 is a priority. Director Heap has met with the Georgia Sheriff's Association and was invited to speak at their Winter Conference on January 20, 2026. The topic will be discussed at the Conference.

e) Budget/Staffing

It is projected that some of the PAQC's budget will be removed during the amended budget process due to underspending. Director Heap will be analyzing workflow to determine if additional PAQC staff will be needed.

6) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sheer motioned to move into the Executive Session with a second from Mr. Saliba. All were in favor. The Executive Session began at 4:21pm. The Session ended at 5:07pm and members of the public were welcomed back into the meeting.

a) Current Docket- confidential by statute

7) OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

8) NEW BUSINESS

None reported.

9) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:09pm.