



## **PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATION COMMISSION**

### **State of Georgia**

#### **Investigative Panel Regular Open Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026

4:00pm

VIDEOCONFERENCE

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Investigative Panel (IP) of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission (PAQC) of the State of Georgia was held via video conference. IP Chairman Randy McGinley Chaired the first portion of the meeting with IP Vice Chairman Jason Saliba serving as Chair for the second portion. Ms. Abigail Ramirez served as Recording Secretary.

#### **All Investigative Panel Commissioners present:**

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

#### **PAQC Staff Member Present:**

Mr. Ian Heap, Executive Director  
Mr. Greg Blackmon, Investigator  
Ms. Nicole Magnani, Investigator  
Ms. Abigail Ramirez, Executive Assistant

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

Mr. Steven Chambers

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

Mr. McGinley called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and determined that a quorum of the Panel was present.

Mr. McGinley made a motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular IP Meeting held on November 12, 2025. Mr. Saliba seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mr. McGinley welcomed the members of the public who 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. Mr. McGinley also noted he would have to step out of the meeting at any moment due to being in a court trial.

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

Mr. Heap introduced PAQC's new Executive Assistant, Ms. Abigail Ramirez, to the Panel. He also confirmed that regular meetings for 2026 would continue every other month and be held on the second Wednesday. The Panel discussed and agreed to move the regular meeting scheduled for November 11, 2026 to November 4, 2026 due to the Veterans Day State holiday. Additionally, Director Heap discussed the completion of the PAQC's 2025 Annual Report and how best to disseminate the report to all District Attorneys and Solicitors-General. Mr. McGinley indicated the report should be emailed to Joseph "Joe" Mulholland as Chair of the Georgia Association of District Attorneys, and to William "Bill" A. Finch as Vice Chair of the Georgia Association of Solicitors-General to distribute out to their respective groups. Mr. Heap also spoke about the Legislative session that began this month. He noted that securing subpoena power, addressed through State Bill 218, is a priority this session. Mr. Heap also informed the members he was invited to speak at the Georgia Sheriff's Association Winter Conference on January 20, 2026, where the topic of subpoena power will be addressed. The last item discussed was regarding PAQC's budget decreasing during the amended budget process due to underspending. Moving forward, Mr. Heap will be analyzing workflow to determine if additional PAQC staff will be needed.

### **Executive Session:**

At 4:21 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sheer to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing the active docket, which is confidential. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saliba. For this reason, Members of Public were invited into a digital waiting room. At 4:40 p.m., Mr. McGinley left the meeting and Vice Chairman Jason Saliba proceed as Chair. The Executive Session ended at 5:07 p.m. and the Members of the Public were welcomed back into the meeting.

### **Old Business:**

None reported.

### **New Business:**

None Reported.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.