



## PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATION COMMISSION

### State of Georgia

#### Investigative Panel Regular Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

4:00pm VIDEO CONFERENCE

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 meeting. Ms. Abigail Ramirez served as Record Secretary.

#### **Investigative Panel**

##### **Commissioners Present:**

Mr. Randy McGinley, Chairman  
Mr. Jason Saliba, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Judge John Ott, Commissioner  
Mr. Steve Scheer, Commissioner – Present 4:45pm

##### **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:**

10 Members

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

Mr. McGinley called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. and determined that a quorum of the Panel was present.

Mr. Saliba made a motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular IP Meeting held on January 14th, 2026. Mr. Ott seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Ginley thanked Mr. Heap for his involvement in the Appropriations meetings during the current Legislation process.

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

Mr. Heap discussed several Legislative updates. He reported Senate Bill 218 passed in the House and was moving to the Senate for voting. This bill would expand authority by granting subpoena powers to the PAQC if signed into effect by the Governor. Mr. Heap also discussed Senate Bill 216, regarding Retirement changes for the Director's position, being passed by Congress and moving to the Governor for signing. Additionally, Senate Bill 605, which expands statutory basis for complaints against District Attorneys and Solicitor Generals, was currently being debated on by the House. Mr. Heap also reported the Amended Fiscal Year (AFY) 2026 Budget had been passed and did not have budgetary cuts while the Budget for FY 2027 was still being debated.

Additionally, Mr. Heap discussed the caseload number increasing significantly and the benefit of hiring another attorney to assist with cases when Mr. Heap is out of the office.

### **Rules Amendment Timeline and Process:**

Mr. Heap discussed the need to update rules for PAQC once Senate Bill 218 is passed and Senate Bill 605 is sorted out.

### **Political Action by Commissioners in DA/SG Races:**

Mr. McGinley discussed the possibility on updating PAQC rules on Commissioners or staff involvement in political races.

### **Monthly Regular Meetings:**

Mr. Heap and Commissioners discussed having monthly IP Meetings instead of every other month to assist with maintaining timely decisions on cases.

### **Executive Session:**

At 4:54 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. McGinley and seconded by Mr. Ott to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing the active docket, which is confidential per statute. For this reason, Members of Public were invited into a digital waiting room. The Executive Session ended at 5:49 p.m. and the Members of the Public were welcomed back into the meeting.

### **Old Business:**

None reported.

**New Business:**

None Reported.

**Review and Approve Summary of this Meeting:**

Mr. McGinley reviewed and approved the summary of this meeting.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.