PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATIONS COMMISISON

State of Georgia

Investigative Panel Regular Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 4 PM via 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 meeting. Ms. Abigail Ramirez served as Record Secretary.

Investigative Panel
Commissioners:

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

PAQC Staff Members:

Mr. Ian Heap, Executive Director – Present
Ms. Abigail Ramirez, Executive Assistant – Present
Mr. Greg Blackmon, Chief Special Commission Investigator – Present
Ms. Nicole Magnani, Special Commission Investigator – Present

Members of the Public:

3 Members

Chairman's Comments:

Mr. McGinley called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and determined that a quorum of the Panel was present. He welcomed the Members of the Public and explained once the meeting enters into Executive session, per statute of confidentiality, all Members of the Public will be placed into a waiting room until the end of the Executive session.

Mr. Scheer made a motion to adopt the open meeting minutes from the regular IP Meeting held on April 8th, 2026. Mr. Ott seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mr. McGinley commented on the recent legislation bills stating since they were not vetoed by the Governor, the bills concerning the PAQC have become Georgia law. He thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Heap for his work at the Capitol over the last year.

SB 216 and 218 would become law July 1st, 2026. Mr. Heap reiterated SB 218 provided the PAQC with subpoena powers. Mr. Heap noted SB 605 is now active law and added multiple basis for discipline under the PAQC. He stated due to being active, procedures and protocols would need to be updated and concurrent jurisdiction addressed.

Mr. Heap also provided a PAQC website update sharing the new bases for complaint are reflected on the site and the Complaint Submission form has been updated.

Rules Amendment Timeline and Process:

Mr. Heap updated the Panel on the staffing addition previously discussed and the need to speak to the Appropriations Chair to discuss budget changes before moving forward.

Lastly, Mr. Heap and the Panel discussed the need to form a committee to discuss and write changes in PAQC rules, policies and procedures due to the new legislation. Mr. McGinley made a motion to create a committee with himself as Chairman, Mr. Saliba, Vice Chairman, and Mr. Heap, Director. Mr. Scheer seconded. All in favor.

Executive Session:

At 4:24 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 4:57 p.m. and the Members of the Public were welcomed back into the meeting.

New Business:

None reported.

Old 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 5:00 p.m.