



PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSISON

State of Georgia

Investigative Panel Regular Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 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 – Not Present (Excused)

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:

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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. There were no Members of the Public present for the meeting. Shortly after the quorum was determined, Mr. Ott joined the meeting after being in court. Mr. Cowart was excused due to being in court at the time of the meeting.

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

Mr. McGinley commented on the Summary Judgement Order regarding the pending litigation against the PAQC. Mr. Chuck Boring, a PAQC attorney, was going to explain the order to commissioners and staff but was unable to attend the meeting due to still being in court.

Director's Report:

Mr. Heap discussed moving forward with creating a Subcommittee to update the PAQC rules now that the lawsuit has ended.

Next, Mr. Heap provided an update on the Commissioner appointments/re-appointments. Mr. Heap stated none of the three appointing authorities has re-appointed or appointed new commissioners except for one position, the Chair of the Hearing Panel. Mr. T. Wright Barksdale III was appointed to replace Mr. Bobby Christine. Mr. Heap clarified that the commissioners whose term had ended were legally able to continue serving until an appointment occurs but that for the Hearing Panel Chair, the position was vacant and had to have an appointment.

Lastly, Mr. Heap stated he would not be moving forward with the additional hire as previously discussed due to budget changes. Mr. Heap clarified that all permissions and notices were approved and should there be an additional hire, it would be at a later time.

Executive Session:

At 4:18 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. McGinley and seconded by Mr. Saliba to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing the active docket, which is confidential per statute. All staff members of the PAQC were invited into the executive session. Mr. McGinley motioned and Mr. Saliba seconded the motion to end the Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.

New Business:

Mr. McGinley stated he would like Mr. Chuck Boring to attend the next IP meeting to discuss the Summary Judgement Order.

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 5:56 p.m.