



PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

State of Georgia

Investigative Panel Regular Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 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 Vice-Chairman Jason Saliba Chaired the meeting. Ms. Abigail Ramirez served as Record Secretary.

Investigative Panel Commissioners:

Mr. Randy McGinley, Chairman – Not Present (Excused)

Mr. Jason Saliba, Vice-Chairman – Present

Mr. John Ott, Commissioner – Not Present (Excused)

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:

1 Member

Chairman's Comments:

Mr. Saliba chaired the meeting due to Mr. McGinley having an excused absence from the meeting. Mr. Saliba called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and determined that a quorum of the Investigative Panel was present. There was one Member of the Public present for the meeting.

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

Mr. Saliba commented on he and Mr. McGinley working on the amended rules and having them ready by the next regularly scheduled IP meeting.

Director's Report:

Mr. Heap reported due to the Governor's advisory on all State government entities to operate on a flat budget with contingencies for budget cuts and not getting any qualified candidates, he has decided to withdraw the position for the time being. Mr. Heap also reported the biographies on the PAQC website have been updated due to Mr. McGinley being appointed as a judge. Mr. Heap also commented on the appointments and reappointments for Commissioners whose term has expired and is still waiting for responses from appointing bodies. In the meantime, Mr. Heap verified the law allows Commissioners to continue acting in their position until a new appointment or reappointment is made. Furthermore, Mr. Heap expressed the need to schedule elections for the next Chair and Vice-Chairmen positions. Lastly, Mr. Heap discussed options for new distribution of PAQC news and updates to consider moving forward.

Rules Committee

Mr. Saliba reiterated he and Mr. McGinley would create drafts for Commissioners and PAQC to review. Mr. Heap commented on the language he suggested for the rules amendments regarding subpoena power. The commissioners discussed potential obstacles and considerations.

Executive Session:

At 4:20 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Scheer and seconded by Mr. Cowart 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. The one Member of the Public was placed in a waiting room during the executive session. Mr. Saliba motioned and Mr. Cowart seconded the motion to end the Executive Session at 4:57 p.m. The one Member of the Public was accepted back into the public open meeting.

New Business:

None reported.

Old Business:

None reported.

Review and Approve Summary of this Meeting:

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

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.