



PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSISON

State of Georgia

Investigative Panel Open Meeting Summary

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

4:00 PM via Videoconference

1) Call to Order

Time: 4:03 PM

2) Determination of Quorum

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)

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission Staff:

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

Members of Public:

1 Member

3) Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2026 Meeting

Motion to approve: Mr. McGinley
Second: Mr. Ott
Approved, All in favor

4) Chairman's Comments

None given.

5) Executive Director's Report

Mr. Heap discussed the following:

a) Caseload/Budget/Staffing Update

- i) Governor has asked for flat FY28 and AFY27 budgets, possible retraction
- ii) House has asked for both a flat budget and a needs-based proposal
- iii) Senate has asked about salaries, retention, and recruitment

b) Appointments/Reappointments of Commissioners

- i) Judge Gates Peed was appointed to fill Judge Simms' position
- ii) Herb Cranford and Judge Ott were
- iii) Jason Saliba is still pending reappointment

6) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion to reappoint Mr. McGinley as Chairman by Mr. Scheer

Second: Mr. Ott

Approved, All in favor

Motion to reappoint Mr. Saliba as Vice Chair by Mr. Scheer

Second: Mr. Ott

Approved, All in favor

7) Rules Committee

Commissioners discussed the need to amend rules to reflect statutory changes in law. Mr. McGinley made a motion to instruct Executive Director Heap to take necessary steps. Mr. Saliba seconded the motion. Approved and all in favor.

8) Procedure for Commission Filing its Own Complaints

Discussed.

9) SB 218 Arrest Powers, “organizational favor and authorization to establish a law enforcement unit”

Discussed.

10) Executive Session

Start time: 4:48 PM

End time: 6:05 PM

Motion to enter Executive Session: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Saliba

Approved, All in favor

All PAQC Staff invited into session. Members of Public placed in virtual waiting room.

a) Current Docket (Confidential by Statute) – Discussed.

b) Personnel Matters – Discussed.

Motion to exit Executive Session: Mr. McGinley
Second: Mr. Saliba
Approved, All in favor

11) New Business

None Discussed.

12) Old Business

None Discussed.

13) Review and Approve Summary of this Meeting:

Discussed and approved by Mr. McGinley.

14) Adjourn

Time: 6:07 PM