

**MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD
September 28, 2020**



Due to concerns over COVID-19 exposure, the City of Tempe implemented measures to protect our community including processes to restrict physical access to the Tempe Municipal Court and limiting public attendance to electronic means only. The Judicial Advisory Board public meeting was held via WebEx on September 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the Jury Training Room – 3rd Floor, Tempe Municipal Court, 140 E. 5th Street, Tempe Arizona 85281.

Board Members Present

Austin Marshall
Judge Kevin Kane, Ex-officio Member
Judge Michael Mandell, Vice-Chair
Judy Aldrich
Martha Ashburn
Todd Allison, Chair

Staff Present:

Casey Simmons, Executive Assistant
Kimberly Sotelo, Management Assistant

Public Meeting

The public meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to the Public on the Reappointment of Judge Mary Jo Barsetti

Board Chair Allison called for public comment. No public comments made.

Agenda Item 2 – Recommendation of the Judicial Advisory Board to the Tempe City Council Regarding the Reappointment of Judge Mary Jo Barsetti

Motion made by Board Chair Allison to open this agenda item into discussion; the motion was seconded by Board Member Aldrich. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Ayes: Board Members Allison, Aldrich, Ashburn, Mandell, Marshall

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

The Board discussed the reappointment packet for Judge Barsetti and her interactions with staff.

Motion made by Board Chair Allison to go into executive session; the motion was seconded by Board Member Marshall. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Ayes: Board Members Allison, Aldrich, Ashburn, Mandell, Marshall

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Executive Session

The Board entered into executive session at 4:12 p.m. Only Board Members were present except for Mrs. Sotelo who remained to take meeting minutes. Confidential minutes were taken and kept separate from these public meeting minutes.

Executive session adjourned and the public meeting called back to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board Chair Allison.

Public Meeting

Agenda Item 2 – Recommendation of the Judicial Advisory Board to the Tempe City Council Regarding the Reappointment of Judge Mary Jo Barsetti

Motion made by Board Member Aldrich to recommend the reappointment of Judge Barsetti; the motion was seconded by Board Member Marshall. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Ayes: Board Members Allison, Aldrich, Ashburn, Mandell, Marshall

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2020

Motion made by Board Member Allison to approve the public meeting minutes of May 18, 2020; the motion was seconded by Board Member Marshall. Motion passed 4 to 0. Board Member Ashburn abstained from the voting process for this agenda item due to not being a Board Member at the time of the May 18, 2020 public meeting.

Ayes: Board Members Allison, Aldrich, Mandell, Marshall

Abstained: Board Member Ashburn

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment

Motion made by Board Member Allison to adjourn the public meeting; the motion was seconded by Board Member Ashburn. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Ayes: Board Members Allison, Aldrich, Ashburn, Mandell, Marshall

Non-Voting: Board Member Kane

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Kimberly Sotelo



Judge Michael Mandell
Vice-Chair, Judicial Advisory Board
Tempe Municipal Court