

**NOTICE OF RESULTS
JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY BOARD**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY BOARD** and to the general public, that the **JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY BOARD** held a meeting open to the public on **September 29, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. located at 300 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.**

The results of the meeting follow:

RESULTS	AGENDA ITEM	AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION
Call to Order took place at 8:14 a.m.	1.	Call to Order.
Introduction/Roll Call made. All JSAB members present: • Ms. Tanya Cushner • Honorable Geoffrey Fish • Ms. Chandra Goff • Mr. Michael Kelly (by remote) • Honorable Angela K. Paton • Ms. Francis Sjoberg • Honorable B. Don Taylor III • Honorable Dawn Walton	2.	Introductions/Roll Call.
The following members of the public appeared and spoke as indicated: • Ed Leiter and Adam Feldman on behalf of Neha Bhatia. • Judge Stephen Umpblesby and Ivan Aragon on behalf of Dane Paulsen. • Carrie Macias on behalf of Pamela Dunne. • Matthew A. Marner on behalf of Shannon Peters. • Jose M. Valles on behalf of Teresa Hunt. • Amanda Sheridan and Hooman Anwar on behalf of Saman Golestan.	3.	Opportunity for public comment on judicial candidates.

Discussion about the purpose of the meeting took place; where such purpose was for the Board to select from the group of candidates to be interviewed, a smaller group of applicants to be submitted to the Phoenix City Council's Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee for further consideration, and appointment of two candidates as Phoenix Municipal Court Judge if the Subcommittee and entire City Council were to see fit. In discussing the interview process, the Board unanimously voted to have each respective due diligence report for each candidate take place just before each individual candidate's interview.	4.	Review and discussion of the Board's purpose, the interview process and procedures. Presentation of due diligence findings. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and upon vote, the Board may go into Executive Session.
Due diligence reports were given and interviews were conducted in the following order: (1) Teresa Hunt; (2) Dane Paulsen; (3) Neha Bhatia; (4) Brett Hutchison; (5) V. Michele Gamez; (6) Shannon Peters; (7) Christine Mulleneaux; (8) Tracy Nadzieja; (9) Saman Golestan; (10) Pamela Dunne; (11) William Mabry III.	5.	Judicial candidate interviews. During interviews, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and upon consent of an interviewee, the Board may go into Executive Session.
The Board deliberated and considered the candidates that were interviewed. After deliberation, the Board selected the following persons as recommended judicial candidates for further consideration by the Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee of the Phoenix City Council. The following list is in alphabetical order without rank: (1) Neha Bhatia; (2) Pamela Dunne; (3) Brett Hutchison; (4) William Mabry III; (5) Christine Mulleneaux; (6) Dane Paulsen; (7) Shannon Peters.	6.	Consideration of judicial candidates and nominee selections for recommendation to the Phoenix City Council Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee for further consideration for the position of Judge of the Phoenix Municipal Court. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and upon vote, the Board may go into Executive Session.

For the September 15, 2025 meeting, the Public Session and Executive Session minutes were approved by the Board.	7.	Approval of September 15, 2025, meeting minutes.
Discussion was held about the upcoming and currently scheduled November 13, 2025, meeting for which the Board would consider the reappointment of the listed judges with expiring terms. It was determined that as a result of conflicting schedules of board members, the currently scheduled date would not allow for a quorum. It was decided that a new date would be selected and scheduled based upon board member availability.	8.	Discussion about the upcoming Judicial Reappointment Meeting for consideration of reappointment of full-time judges: (1) Judge Ana Sanchez (term expires 12/19/2025); (2) Judge Monyette Nyquist (term expires 12/19/2025); (3) Judge Patricia George (term expires 01/01/2026); (4) Judge Alex Benezra (term expires 01/17/2026); (5) Judge Hercules Dellas (term expires 01/17/2026); (6) Judge Frankie Jones (term expires 01/17/2026); (7) Judge Heidi Gilbert (term expires 01/17/2026).
The Board adjourned at 2:34 p.m.	9.	Adjournment.

For further information, please call Mr. Barton J. Fears, General Counsel, Phoenix Municipal Court and JSAB Counsel at 602-262-1899.

September 30, 2025