

PINAL COUNTY COMMISSION ON TRIAL COURT APPOINTMENTS

MINUTES

October 19, 2017

PRESENT: Justice Clint Bolick, Chair; Laura Calvert; Stephen Cooper; James Dutson; Jack Files and Tiffany Shedd

ABSENT: Martin Hermanson and Cody Weagant

Justice Clint Bolick, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Introductions

Justice Bolick introduced himself and welcomed the Commission members. He explained that the purpose of the meeting is to interview for the position created by the appointment of Judge Karl Eppich to Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Approval of Minutes

Justice Bolick asked if any member wished to submit changes or additions to the draft minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting. It was moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public present to comment.

Interview Questions

A motion to go to executive session for the purpose of selecting interview questions was made at 9:41 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Commission returned to public session at 10:30 a.m.

Due Diligence Reports

The Commission took turns disclosing all due diligence findings on Barbara Hazel, DeLana Jacobs Fuller, Lawrence Wharton, Christopher O'Neil, Megan Weagant and Patrick Gard.

Disqualifications and Disclosures

Justice Bolick asked the commission if there were additional disqualifications or disclosures from the previous meeting.

No new disclosures or disqualifications.

Candidate Interviews

From 11:10 a.m. to 11:56 a.m. the Commission interviewed Barbara Hazel and DeLana Jacobs Fuller.

The commission recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:57 p.m.

Candidate Interviews

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:56 p.m. the commission interviewed Lawrence Wharton, Christopher O'Neil, Megan Weagant and Patrick Gard.

Discussion of Interviews and Selection of Nominees

Justice Bolick reminded Commission members of the constitutionally required balance of political affiliations among nominees. He explained he would only vote on a candidate in the event of a tie.

The Commission members discussed the candidate qualifications and interviews in alphabetical order.

Justice Bolick opened the floor for a tentative list of nominees.

Laura Calvert moved to add Lawrence Wharton to the tentative list. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Justice Bolick abstaining.

Tiffany Shedd moved to add Barbara Hazel to the tentative list. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Justice Bolick abstaining.

Jack Files moved to add Christopher O'Neil to the tentative list. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Justice Bolick abstaining.

Laura Calvert moved to add DeLana Jacobs Fuller to the tentative list. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Justice Bolick abstaining.

Jim Dutson moved to add Megan Weagant to the tentative list. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Justice Bolick abstaining.

Jack Files moved to close nominations and finalize the list consisting of **DeLana Jacobs Fuller, Barbara Hazel, Christopher O'Neil, Megan Weagant** and **Lawrence Wharton**. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote 5-0-1 vote with Justice Bolick abstaining.

Adjournment

Justice Bolick thank the members for their service. It was then moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.