

**Appointments Committee**  
State Bar of Arizona

November 16, 2023  
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
ZOOM

**Open Session Minutes**

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

V = present virtually; A = absent.

Sam Saks, Chair	V	Toysha Martin	A
Caroline Allen	V	Kim Miles	V
Casey Arellano	V	Judy O’Neill	V
Noah Coakley	V	Tim Sparling	V
Stephanie Ehrbright	V	Georgia Staton	V
Alexis Firehawk	V	Lonnie Williams	V
Joey Hamby	V	Chloe Woods	V
Kathryn Krejci	V		

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

**Guests:** None

**State Bar Staff:** Carrie Sherman

**Minutes taken by:** Carrie Sherman

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Called to Order by:** Sam Saks, Chair

**Time: 3:00 p.m.**

**II. Call to the Public**

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

**III. Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct**

The Committee had 24 new applications and two previous applications to screen. The due diligence reports on the candidates had previously been shared. Discussion ensued about a voting procedure since there were so many candidates to consider. After further discussion the Committee agreed to cull the list by agreeing to remove some of the candidates based on the due diligence reports, practice area/position, and experience. The Committee ultimately voted for its final list by utilizing two Zoom “polls” due to numeric limitations in Zoom’s polling feature that prevented a single poll of all 26 candidates.

After two initial rounds of voting, each Committee member cast up to five votes for their top picks among the remaining candidates. The results were as follows:

Ms. Regina L. Nassen, Tucson City Attorney's Office	11 votes
Mr. Barney M. Holtzman, Mesch Clark Rothschild	7 votes
Mr. Mark D. Rubin, Rubin & Bernstein PLLC	7 votes
Ms. Frances Sjoberg, Navajo Nation Department of Justice	7 votes
Mr. David A. Black, Law Offices of David A. Black	6 votes
Mr. David L. Sandweiss, State Bar of Arizona	6 votes
Ms. Sandra L. Slaton, Slaton Roebuck PLLC	5 votes
Mr. Richard L. Brooks, The Brooks Law Firm PC	4 votes
Ms. Christine Tasopulos, Dyer Bregman Ferris Wong & Carter PLLC	4 votes

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend the top six vote getters to the Board of Governors for its consideration in making one appointment to the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct:

Ms. Regina L. Nassen, Tucson City Attorney's Office	11 votes
Mr. Barney M. Holtzman, Mesch Clark Rothschild	7 votes
Mr. Mark D. Rubin, Rubin & Bernstein PLLC	7 votes
Ms. Frances Sjoberg, Navajo Nation Department of Justice	7 votes
Mr. David A. Black, Law Offices of David A. Black	6 votes
Mr. David L. Sandweiss, State Bar of Arizona	6 votes

**IV. City of Phoenix Judicial Selection Advisory Board**

The Committee had four new applications and one previous application to screen. The due diligence reports on the candidates had previously been shared. After a brief discussion, each Committee member then cast up to three votes for their top candidates.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend the following ranked slate for the Board's consideration in making its three nominations to the Phoenix City Council for its consideration and ultimate appointment:

Ms. Frances Sjoberg, Navajo Nation Department of Justice	10 votes
Mr. Andrew Jon Hagler, Attorney at Law	9 votes
Mr. Omer Ramiro Gurion, Gurion Legal	6 votes

**V. Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.**