

**Appointments Committee**  
State Bar of Arizona

June 7, 2021  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
ZOOM

**Open Session Minutes**

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

V = present virtually; A = absent.

Jessica Sanchez, Chair	V	Juan Flamand	V
Casey Arellano	V	Marla Hudgens	V
Hon. John Blanchard	A	Adrienne Jones	V
Nicholas Chapman-Hushek	A	Cid Kallen	V
Alison Crane	V	Judy O'Neill	V
Judith Dávila	A	Amanda Parker	V
Maguette Eluyode	V	Andrew Reilly	V
Alison Ferrante	A	Javier Torres	V
Alexis Firehawk	V	Shayna Fernandez Watts	V

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

**Guests:** None

**State Bar Staff:** Carrie Sherman

**Minutes taken by:** Carrie Sherman

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Called to Order by:** Jessica Sanchez, Chair

**Time:** 3:05 p.m.

**II. Call to the Public:** No members of the public were present.

**III. Executive Session:** As there were no other members of the public attending the meeting, the Committee proceeded to screen applications without the need to move into Executive Session.

**IV. Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the April 7, 2021 Committee meeting minutes.

**V. ABA Delegates:** The Committee screened three new applications and five previous applications. It was noted that there are two Delegate positions and one

must be filled by a young lawyer. Due diligence reports were given on every candidate.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board of Governors that incumbent Judy Dávila, the only applicant to fit the young lawyer category, and incumbent Lynda Shely be reappointed as State Bar ABA Delegates.

In order to rank the remaining candidates for the Board's consideration, each Committee member then cast two votes for their top two candidates. The results of voting were:

Ms. Jay Calhoun	12 votes
Ms. Ashley Adams	8 votes
Ms. Susan Wissink	4 votes
Ms. Lisa Maxie-Mullins	1 vote

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to submit the ranked candidates to the Board of Governors for its consideration in making its ultimate two appointments.

- VI. City of Surprise Judicial Selection Advisory Commission:** The Committee screened the two applications received. It was noted that the Board of Governors is asked to submit three nominations. Following the due diligence reports on the two candidates, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board of Governors that the two qualified candidates be forwarded to the Surprise City Council in the following ranked order:

Lisa Maxi-Mullins	10 votes
Jose Valles	3 votes

- VII. City of Tempe Judicial Advisory Board:** The Committee screened the four new applications and three previous applications received. It was noted that there are two openings on the Tempe JAB and that the Board of Governors is asked to submit a total of three nominations. Due diligence reports were given on the candidates.

A motion was made, seconded and carried over three dissents to recommend to the Board of Governors that incumbent Martha Ashburn be recommended to the Tempe City Council for reappointment.

Committee members then cast up to two votes for their top two candidates to rank the remaining six candidates:

Amanda Chua	13 votes
Molly Brizgys	11 votes
Phoebe Moffatt	2 votes

A motion was made and seconded to submit the three candidates above – in alpha order – to the Board for its consideration. That motion was amended to recommend – in alpha order – only Molly Brizgys and Amanda Chua to the Board. That motion was withdrawn.

After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried over one dissent to recommend the following qualified candidates to the Board in the following ranked order:

Amanda Chua  
Molly Brizgys

In summary, the Committee recommended the following slate in ranked order to the Board for its consideration in providing three nominations to the Tempe City Council for two Judicial Selection Advisory Board positions:

Martha Ashburn (incumbent)  
Amanda Chua  
Molly Brizgys

**VIII. Adjournment:** A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.