

Appointments Committee
State Bar of Arizona

February 7, 2023
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ZOOM

Open Session Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

V = present virtually; A = absent.

Ted Schmidt, Chair	V	Kathryn Krejci	V
Caroline Allen	V	Kim Miles	V
Casey Arellano	V	Judy O’Neill	V
Stephanie Ehrbright	V	Tim Sparling	V
Alexis Firehawk	V	Georgia Staton	A

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Guests: Aaron Nash, Director, Certification and Licensing Division, Arizona Supreme Court
Mariann Nystrom, Attorney Admissions Manager, Certification and Licensing Division, Arizona Supreme Court
Ed Novak, Chair, Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness

State Bar Staff: Carrie Sherman

Minutes taken by: Carrie Sherman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order by: Ted Schmidt, Chair

Time: 3:30 p.m.

II. Call to the Public

The guests listed above were invited to participate in the public member interviews due to their intricate knowledge of the workings of the Committee on Character and Fitness. No other members of the public were present.

III. Minutes

Kim Miles moved, Caroline Allen seconded and the motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022, Committee meeting carried unanimously.

IV. Committee on Character and Fitness – Public Member

There is one opening. A Supreme Court Rule directs the Board of Governors to

submit three nominations per opening. The Committee interviewed the six individuals who applied. The members then cast up to three votes for their top candidates:

Ms. Krist-Anah Watkins, Cochise County Attorney's Office	7 votes
Mr. P. Gregg Curry, Ankura	6 votes
Mr. Derek Andersen, Tiffany Bosco PA	5 votes

The Committee voted unanimously to submit the three candidates to the Board of Governors. The Board submits nominations to the Court for its ultimate appointment. The invited guests departed the meeting.

V. Board of Legal Specialization – Law School Representative

There is one opening. The Committee screened the one application received and voted unanimously to recommend Heather Spielmaker, Assistant Dean of Career Development, UA Law School, to the Board of Governors. The Board submits nominations to the Court for its ultimate appointment. The Supreme Court Rule governing the BLS does not indicate the number of nominations that are to be submitted.

VI. Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law Trustees Council

There is one opening. The Committee screened the two applications received. The members then cast a vote for their top candidate. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend Nancy Mangone, City of Glendale Attorney's Office, to the Board of Governors for appointment to the FNREL Trustees Council.

VII. Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.