



Office of Mayor Donna Deegan
General Counsel Qualification Review Committee (QRC)

Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

- Jason Gabriel
- John Delaney
- Blane McCarthy
- Michael Fox Orr
- Braxton Gillam

Guests Present:

- Craig Shoup, Jacksonville Bar Association
- John Nooney, Citizen

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

The committee nominated and unanimously voted for Jason Gabriel to serve as chair.

Chair Gabriel reviewed the General Counsel qualifications and requirements as set forth in the charter.

Chair Gabriel reviewed the city charter provisions for the Qualifications Review Committee (QRC) to make recommendations to the mayor on candidates.

Committee discussion on these topics ensued.

Chair Gabriel reviewed the estimated recommendation/appointment timeline:

- Announcement of resume submissions.
 - The committee proposed a draft advertisement to run in various outlets.
- Close submissions on July 28, 2023.
- QRC meets the week of July 31 and beyond to review and discuss the candidates.

- July 31, 2023 at 9 AM
- August 8, 2023 at 3:30 PM (if needed)
- August 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM (if needed)
- QRC recommendations and resolution submitted to City Council by August 16, 2023 in order to follow a standard legislative cycle. This timeline and cycle is subject to change.

The committee discussed obtaining feedback from the mayor and that their sole charge is to review qualifications of the candidates.

The committee discussed the charter provisions for timing if a nominee is rejected.

Committee voted unanimously to proceed with the publication of the advertisement requesting resumes with the Jacksonville Daily Record, coordination with the Jacksonville Bar Association, and possibly other social media sites. (Motion by Gillam, Seconded by McCarthy.)

Public Comment:

- John Nooney: Lives on wetlands, discussed FEMA support vs. local support for federal disaster areas.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 AM.