

**City of Fort Lauderdale
CITY ATTORNEY SEARCH COMMITTEE
Friday, April 11, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
101 Building – 11th Floor
101 NE 3rd Avenue**

Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Mick Erlandson	P	4	0
Sigrid McCawley	P	4	0
Roosevelt Walters	P	4	0
Danella Williams	P	2	0
Richard Weiss, Chair	P	4	0

Staff

Jerome Post, Director, Human Resources
Kristin Milligan, Deputy Director, Human Resources
Nivea Colin, Recruiting Manager

Others:

Marc Dickerman
K. Cruitt, Prototype Inc.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. by Chair Weiss.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

III. Approval of the April 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the April 3, 2025 minutes was made by Ms. McCawley and seconded by Mr. Walters. After a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn with the consent of the seconder.

Motion by Chair Weiss, seconded by Mr. Walters, to table approval of the April 3, 2025, pending revisions to a meeting summary format. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Election of a Vice-Chair

Motion by Ms. McCawley, seconded by Mr. Walters, to elect Mr. Erlandson as Vice Chair. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Virtual Interviews With City Attorney Candidates

Each candidate was interviewed via Zoom; they were asked the same questions as those that were interviewed on April 3, 2025. Candidates are listed in the order interviewed.

Chair Weiss led a full discussion at the end of each interaction, at which time Committee Members provided their input. Following is a summary of the decisions made during those discussions:

Candidate: Jared Silver

Mr. Silver will be moved forward for a personal interview.

Candidate: Susan Jorgensen

Ms. Jorgensen will be moved forward for a personal interview.

Candidate: James Saunders

Mr. Saunders will be moved forward for a personal interview.

Ms. Milligan confirmed Mr. Evan Sloop had withdrawn his candidacy for the position.

There was discussion regarding personal references. Ms. Milligan noted that while they were listed on each application in NEOGOV, she recommended requesting updated lists from candidates that would be moved forward for in-person interviews.

Candidate: Bradley Zappala

Mr. Zappala will be moved forward for a personal interview.

Candidate: Rick Buckley

Members agreed to remove Mr. Buckley from further consideration.

VI. Discussion of City Attorney Candidates Moving Forward to In-person interviews

By Member consensus, the seven candidates confirmed as moving forward for personal interviews were: D'Wayne Spence, Maurice Johnson, Aleksandr Boksner, Jared Silver, Susan Jorgensen, James Saunders, and Bradley Zappala.

It was agreed that Mr. Post and his team would secure a written commitment letter, subject to conditions, as well as updated references from each of those candidates as a pre-requisite to being moved forward.

Members agreed that on an individual basis, they would share the responsibility of further vetting. Any concerns that may arise were to be directed to Mr. Post by the end of the following week so that it could be determined if an interim meeting is needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2025 between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The first in-person interview will begin at 9:00 a.m., with subsequent interviews in 30 minute intervals. The question format would be "free-flow".

It was noted that CASC meeting minutes would be presented in summary format by Prototype Inc.

VII. Public Comments

Mr. Marc Dickerman shared his favorable opinion on the process, and stated that he was looking forward to attending the next meeting.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

There were no items to be discussed.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.