



JUDICIAL BRANCH OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY JUDICIAL MERIT SYSTEM COMMISSION

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Quarterly Meeting Agenda
March 3, 2026

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Judicial Merit System Commission - Quarterly Open Meeting Agenda **Cordova Conference Room, 101 W. Jefferson, East Court Building, Third Floor** **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

In addition to any Executive Sessions agendaized below, when necessary, the Commission may move to go into Executive Session intermittently throughout the meeting regarding any of the agenda items, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) to obtain legal advice from its counsel and/or A.R.S. Section 38-431-03(A)(2) to review any confidential records.

- I. Meeting convened
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - December 2, 2025 - Quarterly Meeting General & Executive Session (distributed via e-mail)
- III. Approval of 2026 Meeting Schedule
- IV. Follow up on Commission Requests from December 2, 2025 meeting regarding Appeal Process
 - Review of AZ Attorney General’s Handbook regarding Open/Public Meetings
 - Commission procedure regarding allowing comments during public meeting at which an appeal is being decided, including notification to appellant regarding such procedure.
 - Review of Judicial Merit Rules and AZ Statutes for conformity regarding Burden of Proof
 - Staff report of number of officer v. nonofficer employees covered under Rules
- V. Review of Hearing Officer’s Handbook, Report Template, and Appellant Guide
- VI. Appeals Pending Decision
- VII. Appeals for Notification of Status
- VIII. Executive Session
- IX. Future Agenda Items
- X. Call to the Public

Date and Time for Next Regular Quarterly Meeting
TBD