

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

SENATE JUDICIARY AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

Minutes of the Meeting

January 23, 2025

10:15 A.M. or Upon recess or adjournment of Floor, SHR 2

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Members Present:

Senator Wendy Rogers, Chairman
Senator John Kavanagh, Vice-chairman
Senator Shawwna Bolick
Senator Mark Finchem
Senator Theresa Hatathlie
Senator Lauren Kubby
Senator Analise Ortiz

Staff:

Zack Dean, Judiciary and Elections Research Analyst
Kaytie Sherman, Judiciary and Elections Research Assistant Analyst
Anna Whitney, Judiciary and Elections Research Intern

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and attendance was taken.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Jeff Gove, Arizona Auditor General's Office, offered comments related to the Sunset Review of the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency.

George Skiles, Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc., distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Performance Audit and Sunset Factor Review of the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency" (Attachment A).

Senator Rogers offered comments.

Response by the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency

Gretchen McClellan-Singh, Executive Director, Arizona Board of Executive Clemency, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "AZ Board of Executive Clemency" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

Adam Patsalis, representing self, testified in support of the continuation of the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Hope DeLap, Arizona Justice Project, testified in support of the continuation of the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Donna Hamm, Middle Ground Prison Reform, testified in support of the continuation of the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Discussion and Recommendation

Senator Kavanaugh moved that the Senate Judiciary and Elections Committee of Reference recommend that the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency be continued. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

The Committee offered comments.

RECESS

At 11:39 a.m. Chairman Rogers recessed the meeting to the sound of the gavel.

RECONVENE

At 1:24 p.m. Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Presentation by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Andy LeFevre, Executive Director, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Sunset Review Hearing – Committee of Reference" (Attachment C) and distributed a document entitled "Sunset Review Report 2016-2024" (Attachment D). Mr. LeFevre answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendation

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Senate Judiciary and Elections Committee of Reference recommend that the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission be continued with revisions. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Attached is a list noting the individual who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment E).

Attached are the forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment F).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Christophersen
Committee Secretary

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