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NOTICE OF JMSC PUBLIC HEARINGS

Monday, November 16, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Room 105
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JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
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Public Hearing on Judicial Qualifications
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Monday, November 16, 2026

10:30 a.m.	EXECUTIVE SESSION
11:00 a.m.	The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson III (Supreme Court, Seat 2)
11:45 a.m.	The Honorable John D. Geathers (Supreme Court, Seat 2)
12:30 p.m.	The Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith Jr. (Supreme Court, Seat 2)
1:15 p.m.	The Honorable Blake A. Hewitt (Supreme Court, Seat 2)
2:00 p.m.	The Honorable Maite Murphy (Supreme Court, Seat 2)
2:45 p.m.	The Honorable H. Bruce Williams (Court of Appeals, Seat 5, Chief Judge, Re-election)
3:00 p.m.	The Honorable Aphrodite Konduros (Court of Appeals, Seat 6, Re-election)
3:15 p.m.	The Honorable George M. McFaddin Jr. (Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 3, Re-election)
3:30 p.m.	The Honorable R. Kirk Griffin (Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 4, Re-election)
3:45 p.m.	The Honorable T. William "Billy" McGee III (Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 4, Re-election)
4:00 p.m.	The Honorable James J. Wegmann (MIE, Beaufort County, Reappointment)
4:15 p.m.	The Honorable Martin R. Banks (MIE, Calhoun County, Reappointment)
4:30 p.m.	The Honorable Charles B. Simmons Jr. (MIE, Greenville County, Reappointment)
4:45 p.m.	The Honorable Stephanie N. Lawrence (MIE, Richland County, Reappointment)
5:00 p.m.	The Honorable FitzLee H. McEachin (Circuit Court, 12th Circuit, Seat 1)

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9:00 a.m.	EXECUTIVE SESSION
9:30 a.m.	The Honorable Samuel L. Johnson (ALC, Seat 2, Re-election)
9:45 a.m.	The Honorable Jane H. Merrill (Circuit Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 3, Re-election)
10:00 a.m.	The Honorable Roger M. Young Sr. (Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 3, Re-election)
10:15 a.m.	Derek A. Shoemake (Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 6)
11:00 a.m.	The Honorable William Henry Seals Jr. (Circuit Court, 12th Circuit, Seat 2, Re-election)
11:15 a.m.	The Honorable William C. McMaster III (Circuit Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 5, Re-election)
11:30 a.m.	The Honorable Ben Culbertson (Circuit Court, 15th Circuit, Seat 2, Re-election)
11:45 a.m.	The Honorable Patrick Cleburne Fant III (Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 1, Re-election)
12:00 p.m.	The Honorable James Mark Hayes II (Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 2, Re-election)
12:15 p.m.	LUNCH/EXECUTIVE SESSION
1:15 p.m.	The Honorable Russell A. Blanchard IV (MIE, Orangeburg County)
1:45 p.m.	The Honorable Edgar W. Dickson (MIE, Orangeburg County)
2:15 p.m.	The Honorable Edward W. Miller (Active Retired, Circuit Court)
2:30 p.m.	The Honorable Clifton Newman (Active Retired, Circuit Court)
2:45 p.m.	The Honorable Arthur Eugene "Gene" Morehead III (Active Retired, Family Court)
3:00 p.m.	The Honorable J. Cordell Maddox Jr. (Active Retired, Circuit Court)
3:15 p.m.	The Honorable Jocelyn Newman (Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 5, Re-election)
3:30 p.m.	The Honorable Robert E. Hood (Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 3, Re-election)
3:45 p.m.	The Honorable G.D. Morgan Jr. (Circuit Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 3, Re-election)

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9:00 a.m.	EXECUTIVE SESSION
9:30 a.m.	The Honorable Andrew K. Holliday (Circuit Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 3)
10:15 a.m.	Ashley A. McMahan (Circuit Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 3)
11:00 a.m.	The Honorable Lindsey Satterfield Simmons (Circuit Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 3)
11:45 a.m.	Blair L. Stoudemire (Circuit Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 3)
12:30 p.m.	The Honorable Jennifer B. McCoy (Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 5, Re-election)
12:45 p.m.	LUNCH/EXECUTIVE SESSION
1:45 p.m.	The Honorable Alan D. Clemmons (MIE, Horry County, Reappointment)
2:00 p.m.	The Honorable Shannon M. Phillips (MIE, Spartanburg County, Reappointment)
2:15 p.m.	The Honorable Teasa Kay Weaver (MIE, York County, Reappointment)
2:30 p.m.	The Honorable Carmen Tevis Mullen (Circuit Court, 14th Circuit, Seat 2, Re-election)