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NOTICE OF JMSC PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Monday, November 17, 2025
through
Thursday, November 20, 2025**

9:00 a.m.

**Room 105
GRESSETTE BUILDING**

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AGENDA

Public Hearing on Judicial Qualifications
Room 105 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina

November 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10:00 a.m. The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson III (Supreme Court, Seat 2)

11:00 a.m. The Honorable John Cannon Few (Supreme Court, Seat 2, Re-election)

12:00 p.m. The Honorable Blake A. Hewitt (Supreme Court, Seat 2)

1:00 p.m. LUNCH/EXECUTIVE SESSION

2:30 p.m. Jay Lucas (Supreme Court, Seat 2)

3:30 p.m. The Honorable Stephanie P. McDonald (Court of Appeals, Seat 7, Re-election)

3:45 p.m. The Honorable Joseph Derham Cole (Ret.) (Active Retired, Circuit Court)

4:00 p.m. The Honorable Thomas W. Cooper Jr. (Active Retired, Circuit Court)

4:15 p.m. The Honorable Thomas L. Hughston Jr. (Active Retired, Circuit Court)

4:30 p.m. The Honorable Ronald R. Norton (Active Retired, Family Court)

4:45 p.m. The Honorable William J. Wylie Jr. (Active Retired, Family Court)

5:00 p.m. The Honorable Steven H. John (Ret.) (Active Retired, Circuit Court)

5:15 p.m. The Honorable Debbie McCaslin (Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 2, Re-election)

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November 18, 2025

9:00 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:30 a.m. The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson (Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 5, Re-election)

9:45 a.m. Will Wheeler (Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 2)

10:30 a.m. The Honorable H. Steven DeBerry IV (Circuit Court, 12th Circuit, Seat 3, Re-election)

10:45 a.m. Melissa A. Inzerillo (Circuit Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 2)

11:30 a.m. Misti Shelton (Circuit Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 2)

12:15 p.m. LUNCH/EXECUTIVE SESSION

1:15 p.m. E. Thompson Kinney (Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 2)

2:00 p.m. Marissa K. Jacobson (Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 7)

2:45 p.m. Anthony Phillip LaMantia III (Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 7)

3:30 p.m. Kelly Pope-Black (Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 7)

4:15 p.m. The Honorable Tarita A. Dunbar (Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 5, Re-election)

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November 19, 2025

9:00 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:30 a.m. The Honorable S. Phillip "Phil" Lenski (ALC, Seat 6, Re-election)

9:45 a.m. The Honorable Debra A. Matthews (Family Court, 6th Circuit, Seat 2, Re-election)

10:00 a.m. The Honorable Melissa M. Frazier (Family Court, 15th Circuit, Seat 3, Re-election)

10:15 a.m. The Honorable J. Camden West (MIE, Berkeley, Re-appointment)

10:30 a.m. The Honorable Elizabeth Biggerstaff York (Family Court, 4th Circuit, Seat 3)

11:15 a.m. Rowland Alston III (ALC, Seat 4)

11:45 a.m. Erika Easler (ALC, Seat 4)

12:15 p.m. LUNCH/EXECUTIVE SESSION

1:15 p.m. Jason P. Luther (ALC, Seat 4)

1:45 p.m. Kelly Rainsford (ALC, Seat 4)

2:15 p.m. Michael S. Traynham (ALC, Seat 4)

2:45 p.m. Nicole T. Wetherton (ALC, Seat 4)

3:15 p.m. The Honorable Barbara "Bobbie" Wofford-Kanwat (ALC, Seat 4)

3:45 p.m. The Honorable Spiros Stavros Ferderigos (Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 5, Re-election)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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November 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:30 a.m. Elnora Jones Dean (Family Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 4)

10:15 a.m. Rebecca West (Family Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 4)

11:00 a.m. The Honorable Larry W. Weidner II (Family Court, 14th Circuit, Seat 3)

11:45 a.m. Catherine Webb (Family Court, 14th Circuit, Seat 4)

12:30 p.m. Scarlet B. Moore (Family Court, 14th Circuit, 3 and 4)

1:15 p.m. LUNCH/EXECUTIVE SESSION