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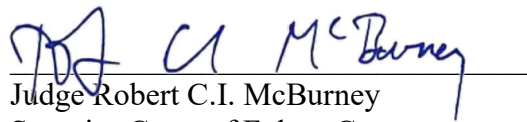
*In re:* Inquiry concerning Judge Don  
Taliaferro (JQC Complaint 2018-276)

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Supreme Court Docket No. S19Z0770

**ORDER DISMISSING FORMAL CHARGES**

Before the Hearing Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC) is a motion from the JQC's Director seeking to have the Hearing Panel dismiss the Formal Charges the Director filed against former<sup>1</sup> Judge Don Taliaferro on 14 February 2019. Taliaferro has waived his right to a hearing before the Hearing Panel and consents to dismissal. He has also entered into an agreement with the JQC's Investigative Panel in which he commits never again to seek judicial office in Georgia. Given the Director's admissions as to the dearth of evidence supporting Counts Three and Four of the Formal Charges, Taliaferro's resignation and commitment not to seek other judicial office, and his waiver of a hearing on his charges, the Hearing Panel hereby GRANTS the motion to dismiss the Formal Charges pursuant to its authority under JQC Rule 24(D).

*All Panel Members concur.*SO ORDERED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.
  
 Judge Robert C.I. McBurney  
 Superior Court of Fulton County

<sup>1</sup> Governor Brian Kemp accepted Judge Taliaferro's resignation from his position as a magistrate judge in Spalding County effective 31 December 2020.