

Supreme Court of Nevada  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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**Judicial Council of the State of Nevada**

November 7, 2025

2:00 p.m.

*Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper*

**Members Present**

Chief Justice Doug Herndon – Chair  
Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla  
Judge Steven Dobrescu  
Chief Judge Kelly Giordani  
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins  
Judge Kriston Hill  
Alicia Lerud  
Judge Victor Miller  
Judge Randall Soderquist  
Katherine Stocks  
Judge Gloria Sturman  
Judge Dawn Throne  
Judge Ryan Toone  
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese

**Guests Present**

Justice Linda Bell  
Justice Elissa Cadish  
Charles Mapp  
Judge Benjamin Trotter

**AOC Staff Present**

Jamie Gradick  
Stephanie Gouveia  
Lupie Janos  
Alicia Lord  
Ikaika Pulotu  
Sheldon Steel

**Members Absent - Excused**

Associate Chief Justice Ron  
Parraguirre – Vice-chair  
Judge Stephen Bishop  
Steven Grierson  
Chief Judge Lynne Jones  
Judge John Schlegelmilch

**Members Absent - Unexcused**

Judge Shelly O’Neill  
Judge Mason Simons

I. Call to Order

- Chief Justice Herndon, as chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
- Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- Opening remarks
  - Chief Justice Hendon informed the members that Judge O’Neill is not in compliance with the JCSN attendance policy. This matter will be added to the agenda for the first meeting in 2026 for further discussion by the members.

II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary

- The meeting summary of August 8, 2025, was unanimously approved.

III. Reports of Standing Committees

- Court Administration Committee
  - Ms. Stocks provided a summary of the Committee’s actions during the cybersecurity incident.
    - Weekly coordination meetings were held with all court administrators, with the AOC serving as the primary point of contact for Nevada courts throughout the crisis.
    - The cyberattack impacted all court operations connected through the state VPN, prompting the AOC to initiate separation from the Governor’s Office of Technology.

- The AOC collaborated with Tyler Technologies to deploy an application that enabled the clearing of approximately 10,000 queued tickets.
    - Significant progress was made on the “lift and shift” project, migrating all CourtView II courts into the cloud and eliminating reliance on the VPN.
- Court Improvement Program (CIP)
  - Ms. Janos provided an update on recent Committee activities.
    - The Committee reflected on the September Court Improvement Council (CIC) Summit and reviewed the goals and action items that emerged from the event.
    - Representatives from the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) provided updates on progress and areas of concern stemming from the cyber-attack.
    - DCFS is considering postponing round four of the Child and Family Services Review due to the federal government shutdown.
    - Justice Cadish added that CIP is developing proposed rules of civil procedure governing dependency cases through a special subcommittee, with the goal of finalizing the draft within the next few months before submitting the rules for public review through an ADKT filing.
  - Justice Cadish commended Ms. Janos for her efforts in coordinating the CIP Summit shortly after assuming the role of CIP Coordinator.
- Legislative Committee
  - In Mr. McCormick’s absence, the Legislative Committee update will be deferred to the next Council meeting.
- Specialty Court Funding Committee
  - Ms. Gouveia provide a brief overview of the report provided in the meeting summary.
    - The Committee received a Legislative update from Mr. McCormick, which included information on [SB17](#) allowing limited jurisdiction courts to establish mental health courts.
    - The Drug Court Case Management System (DCCM) released an automated quarterly statistical report which should help reduce coordinator workload.
    - The [Specialty Court Program webpage](#) was recently updated.
    - A technical training and assistance opportunity for Peer Recovery Support Specialists was shared with members.
    - Peer review activities will resume and will now include limited jurisdiction courts.
    - The annual Nevada Treatment Court Workers Networking Social Hour, held during the National Special Court Conference, was very successful.
    - The Committee reviewed the bench-warrant data and made preliminary determinations on best practices, which will be revisited and finalized at a future meeting.
    - The 2026 Specialty Court Conference will be held at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas on November 4-6, 2026.
    - Elections for expiring committee seats will occur at the end of 2025.
    - Regional coordinators were encouraged to assist regional judges in reviewing funding applications.
    - Judge Soderquist has replaced Judge Loveless on the
    - Recidivism research was put on pause due to the cyber-attack, but she should have a full report available to share by the next Council meeting.

#### IV. Reports of Regional Council Meetings

- Clark Regional Judicial Council

- Chief Judge Wiese referred attendees to the summary included in the materials.
- North Central Regional Judicial Council
  - Judge Simons referred attendees to the summary included in the materials.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
  - In the absence of a representative for the Sierra Region, Chief Justice Hendon referred attendees to the summary included in the materials.
- South Central Regional Judicial Council
  - Judge Dobrescu reported that a quorum was not present at the last meeting; however, updates were provided by the AOC.
- Washoe Regional Judicial Council
  - Chief Judge Higgins referred attendees to the summary included in the materials.
  - Chief Judge Higgins announced his retirement from the bench effective January 31, 2026, and stated his intention to apply for senior judge status.

#### V. Other Discussion Items

- ADKT 0295
  - Ms. Stocks reported that the proposed ADKT was reviewed by court administrators for input and that all comments from this preliminary review have been addressed. She invited additional comments from attendees and judges, noting that if the ADKT is approved, the current data manual, (version 4.4, linked in the agenda) will be updated to version 5.0 with further comments accepted through November and final filing anticipated in December.
- Special Legislative Session
  - Begins Thursday, November 13, 2025.
  - Governor anticipates that it will be completed in about five days.
  - Updates will be distributed as needed.
  - The Governor's Crime bill, [SB457](#) is expected to make an appearance.

#### VI. Future Meetings

- 2026 TBD

#### VII. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.