

Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK
Assistant Court Administrator

Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, May 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Remote Access via Zoom (zoom.com or zoom app, see “Notices” for access information)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Call of Roll
 - B. Determination of Quorum
 - C. Opening Remarks
- II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary*
 - A. February 8, 2026 (*Tab 1, pages 3-5*)
- III. Reports of Standing Committees (Reporting period: January 17 – April 5)
 - A. Court Administration Committee (*Tab 2, pages 6-8*)
 - B. Court Improvement Program (*Tab 3, pages 9-11*)
 - C. Legislative Committee (*Tab 4, pages 12-15*)
 - D. Specialty Court Funding Committee (*Tab 5, pages 16-18*)
- IV. Summaries of Regional Judicial Council Meetings (Reporting period: January 17 – April 5)
 - A. Clark Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 6, pages 19-21*)
 - B. North Central Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 7, pages 22-25*)
 - C. Sierra Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 8, pages 26-29*)
 - D. South Central Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 9, pages 30-33*)
 - E. Washoe Regional Judicial Council (*Tab 10, pages 34-38*)
- V. Other Items/Discussion
- VI. Future Meetings
 - Monday, August 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
 - Monday, December 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- VII. Adjournment

Notices

- Action items are noted by * and typically include approval, denial, and/or postponement of specific items. Certain items may be referred to a subcommittee for additional review and action.
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TAB 1

Return to Agenda

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Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

February 9, 2026

2:00 p.m.

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Associate Chief Justice Linda Bell – Vice-chair
Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla
Judge Tara Clark Newberry
Judge Steven Dobrescu
Judge Erica Flavin
Judge Rhonda Forsberg
Judge Jessica Goodey
Judge Jennifer Klapper
Alicia Lerud
Judge Victor Miller
Judge Randall Soderquist
Katherine Stocks
Judge Camille Vecchiarelli
Chief Judge Egan Walker
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese
Judge Tod Young

AOC Staff Present

Jamie Gradick
Almeda Harper
Lupie Janos
Emily Kuhlman
John McCormick

Members Absent – Excused

Chief Justice Herndon – Chair
Judge Stephen Bishop
Steven Grierson
Judge Krison Hill

Guests Present

Justice Elissa Cadish
Lorena Martinez
Justice Ron Parraguirre

Members Absent - Unexcused

Judge Shelly O’Neill
Judge Mason Simons

- I. Call to Order
 - Justice Parraguirre called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., in the absence of the chair.
 - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
 - The meeting summary of November 7, 2025, was unanimously approved.
- III. Attendance Policy Compliance – Discussion and Possible Action
 - The members reviewed the Judicial Council attendance policy requirements and the AOC’s protocol for contacting absentees after each unexcused absence.
 - Members agreed that Chief Judge Walker would reach out again to inquire whether Judge O’Neill would like to remain a JCSN representative before taking further action.
- IV. Reports of Standing Committees
 - Court Administration Committee

- Judge Dobrescu noted that he is in the process of acquiring a court administrator position and requested that Ms. Stocks forward information for the next Committee meeting to him in hopes that the position will be filled by then.
- Court Improvement Program (CIP)
 - Ms. Janos directed attendees to the report included in the materials and highlighted the following updates.
 - Membership vacancies are expected to be filled by the Committee’s next meeting.
 - Grant funding has been secured for fiscal year 2027.
 - A new five-year strategic plan is in development to reestablish priorities and goals
 - Planning is underway for the annual summit in September 2026.
 - Child welfare agencies are currently undergoing the Child and Family Services Review; the resulting report will inform a program improvement plan.
 - The Committee is also discussing potential training topics and the implementation of extended foster care.
- Legislative Committee
 - Mr. McCormick reported that the next meeting is scheduled for March. Topics of discussion included additional district court judges in one-judge jurisdictions, record sealing and probation and parole.

V. Reports of Regional Council Meetings

- Clark Regional Judicial Council
 - Attendees were directed to the summary included in the materials.
- North Central Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Soderquist referred attendees to the summary included in the materials.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Young reported that the Council had strong attendance discussed legislative committee updates.
- Washoe Regional Judicial Council
 - Chief Judge Walker shared the Council’s future plans, including discussion of a Sequential Intercept Model in Washoe County.

VI. Other Discussion Items

- Attendance Policy
 - It was suggested that the Bylaws be distributed to the members as a reminder of the attendance policy in the new year and to maintain consistency in adherence.

VII. Future Meetings

- Monday, May 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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COURT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Members Present

Katherine Stocks, Chair
Derek Boyle
Nohemi Cardiel
Maxine Cortes
Stormi Decker
Rebecca Edwards
Cindy Garcia
Alisa Goodman
Favi Gouveia
Melissa Hall
Sherri Hiles
Cynda Horning
Hans Jessup
Tiffany Josephs
Alicia Lerud
Suz Suz Morgan
Kristina Mortensen
Karen Powell
Whitney Richardson
Elidia Rosales
Heidi Shaw
Danielle Skiles
Zachary Smith
Erin Tellez
Courtney Thornal

Members Excused

Members Unexcused

Andrea Anderson
Melissa Bender
Chelsea Cathcart
Brenda Cole
James Conway
Melinda Davis
Carmen Garcia
Kyndra Graham
Steven Grierson
Torrie Hostman
Hon. Danielle Johnson
Sierra Nicole Kathley-McCassie
Kayleen Lamb
Savannah Lopez
Veronica Lopez
Kate Martin
Tamara Migan
Linnea Prengel
Shakara Robinson
Shaniya Williams

Committee Meeting of March 25, 2026

Prepared by: Margarita Bautista, Committee Staff

- Since the last report, the JCSN Court Administration Committee met on March 25, 2026.
- A quorum was present, but no official action was taken.
- Chair Stocks briefly introduced the new Court administrators from Yerington Municipal, Mesquite Municipal, Argenta Justice and the Seventh Judicial District.

- The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) staff gave updates on the new MAS 4.0, the GTO cutover, ADA Compliance training, Continuous Learning Program's (CLP) digital accessibility training and C-track.
- Information was provided pertaining to the NCSC ICM courses happening in Las Vegas in May and October of this year.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 24, 2026, at 2:00pm.

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COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SELECT COMMITTEE

Members Present

Justice Elissa Cadish, Chair
Stephen Aвило
Judicial Officer Shane Bell for
Judge Michael Montero
Ashley Crow for Dr. Victor
Wakefield
Brigid Duffy
Ash Fayal

Amy Rae Foss
Judge Dylan Frehner
Jacki Hallerback for Crystal
Hallock
Ryan Gustafson
Sway Mackey
John McCormick
Buffy Okuma

Sheila Parks
Karen Perez
Judge Margaret Pickard
Jennifer Rains
Carly Souza
Janice Wolf

Committee Meeting of April 3, 2026

Prepared by: Lupie Janos, Court Improvement Program Officer

The Court Improvement Program (CIP) continues to focus on three primary strategies: improving timeliness to permanency for children; increasing judicial, attorney, and stakeholder knowledge and expertise; and building systemic capacity through continuous quality improvement (CQI) and data exchange.

- The Committee filled four vacancies in membership as people transitioned out of their roles in respective agencies. Members were confirmed with Justice Cadish and new members were introduced during the last meeting.
- Nevada Court Improvement Program (CIP) has exhausted FFY25 CIP funds and have been awarded FFY26 funds. The CIP is actively working on the development of its new Strategic Plan which is due to the Children's Bureau in July 2026.
- Planning for the 2026 Community Improvement Council (CIC) Summit is underway. Tentative dates for this year's Summit are September 9-11, and the Summit will once again be held at the Atlantis Resort in Reno, Nevada. Contracts are drafted and under review. Surveys were sent to members of the state's CICs to collect responses on progress, challenges, and successes encountered while implementing action plans. NCJFCJ facilitated a virtual conversation with judicial officers on April 7, 2026.
- The development of dependency rules for the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure was a big lift over the past year and a half. The goal of the rules is to align practice with federal timeframes and to address the unique needs of dependency cases. A final draft has undergone extensive internal and

external review. Next steps include drafting and submitting the petition for the ADKT.

- There are current Judicial, Court, and Attorney Measures of Performance (JCAMP) surveys that have been open since late 2025. The goal has been to collect current data from parents, youth, judicial, and legal partners. The data will be used to summarize how court data supports the CFSR process, highlights best practices and identifies areas for improvement. There is a current push to obtain more responses from youth and parents.
- CIP worked closely with the Children’s Bureau and agency partners during Round 4 of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). Stakeholder interviews involving judicial and legal partners occurred in November 2025. Washoe County Human Services Agency held a case review earlier this year at the end of January, and Clark County Department of Family Services held a case review that began in February and continued into the month of March. CIP Program Officer, Lupie Janos, served as the state’s expert in reviewing court related items in foster care cases.
- CIP and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Analytics continue to work on the CFS755 Timeliness to Permanency Report. CIP is currently reviewing last year’s data and collecting feedback from the CICs. CIP will then work with DHHS OOA to assess the use of the report and data quality.
- CIP was receiving the Title IV-E Eligibility Language Report on a monthly basis to support the implementation of the statewide NRS 432B court order templates. No report was received this quarter.
- CIP reached out to DCFS Grants Management Unit to discuss the development of a training on the utilization of Title IV-E funds to support high quality legal representation. The goal is to develop a curriculum that explains the application process, determination of reimbursement rates, and reporting requirements.
- CIP is looking to launch its workgroup addressing the updates needed for a NRS 432B Academy. Interested partners were previously identified and expressed interest to support updating the curriculum while some new members have been identified as well. An internal review of existing curriculum has been conducted, and next steps include holding an initial kick off meeting for the workgroup.
- CIP continues initiatives to increase collaboration and communication with individual CICs. CIP met in person with members of the CIC from the 6th JD in February 2026, and CIC partners from the 10th JD in March 2026. The CIP sends out monthly communications to the CICs to share information, data, and to offer support.
- The Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program (JDMP) is set to hold its 2026 Annual Training in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 24. This year’s training is titled “The Mediator Table and Beyond: Enhancing Buy-In, Trust, and Improved Outcomes.”
- JDMP has successfully completed its initial efforts to recruit additional mediators to its panel. Over 150 applicants have submitted their name for consideration. Next steps include scheduling introductory interviews with applicants before deciding who will be formally invited to attend the 40-hour training in September.
- CIC Subgrant applications were made available and CICs were provided notice on March 2. CICs were given the opportunity to request subaward amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 depending on the project breadth. The application deadline was March 26. Applications are currently under review and pending approval. Once approved, subaward recipients will have until September 30, 2026, to fully expend their funds.

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JOHN MCCORMICK
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Legislative Committee

March 2, 2026

4:00 p.m.

Summary Prepared by: Martina Schambra

Members Present

Chief Justice Douglas Herndon
Justice Linda Bell
Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla
Tom Clark
Judge Stephen Bishop
Maxine Cortes

Rebecca Edwards
Judge Jessica Goodey
Michael Hillerby
Keith Lee
John McCormick
Gabby McGregor
Judge Victor Miller

Andres Moses
Judge John Schlegelmilch
Judge Randall Soderquist
Joe Tommasino
Judge Tod Young
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese

AOC Staff

Almeda Harper

Guests

Sam Anastassatos
Paige Barnes
Derek Boyle
Stormi Decker
Jason Frierson

Hans Jessup
Judge Tierra Jones
Emily Reed
Judge Ryan Toone

- I. Call to Order
 - Chief Justice Herndon called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.
 - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was not present.
 - Due to the lack of quorum, the meeting summaries from December 8, 2025, and January 12, 2026, were not approved.
- II. 2025 Legislation Implementation Issues or Needed Corrections
 - Mr. McCormick is working with the Las Vegas Justice Court to access the appropriation for the data collection required for the “corridor court” authorized by [AB4](#) of the 2025 Special Session.. AB4 provides that a justice court within a designated economic corridor established by the bill may establish an adjudication program for cases within the corridor, and, if established, the program must report statistics to both the Legislature and the board of county commissioners.
- III. Possible 2027 Bill Draft Requests
 - Additional District Court Judges
 - ♦ Mr. McCormick noted that language and the extent of the request are still being determined.

- Judicial Districts
 - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported a working group was established and met on February 19th. The group discussed a potential realignment of Nevada’s rural judicial districts, with a focus on the Eleventh, Sixth and Tenth judicial districts.
 - ♦ Current members of the working group include Mr. McCormick, Justice Stiglich, Judge Young, Judge Debrescu, Judge Shields, Judge Montero and Judge Stockard.
- Record Sealing
 - ♦ Mr. McCormick is currently examining record sealing statutes to begin drafting language intended to clarify where the statutes seemingly conflict with themselves.
- Evictions
 - ♦ The Committee will likely only watch discussions coming from justice partners on the topic of eviction, rather than draft a BDR on the issue.
- Discharges from Probation
 - ♦ Mr. McCormick is interested in setting up a meeting with himself, Chief Tamrah Jackson of Parole and Probation, Chief Judge Walker and Judge Jones to discuss the topic further.
- 48-Hour Bail Hearings & Court Staff Reimbursement
 - ♦ Mr. Lee and Mr. Clark are currently working with stakeholders to develop an approach to the issue for the next legislative session.
- Administrative Assessment Fees
 - ♦ There was no substantial discussion during the meeting, but the topic is being kept on the Committee’s radar.
- Marshall Statute Language Cleanup
 - ♦ Per Mr. Moses, the effort is currently on hold as the Eighth Judicial District determines the best course to take on the issue. This effort follows several prior legislative bill drafts focused on the status of marshals in the district, and related cases have made their way to the Nevada Supreme Court.
- Juvenile Judicial Officer Recommendations
 - ♦ Judge Young and Judge Grossman are drafting language to clarify timelines related to appointed judicial officers’ recommendations, particularly when the district attorney does not waive the right to appeal, which can potentially lead to juveniles being detained for longer than necessary.
- Juvenile Traffic Jurisdiction
 - ♦ Judge Goodey noted that because different judicial districts have widely different needs, consensus on a statewide statutory solution is unlikely, and using a bill draft may not be productive. The Committee will continue to keep the topic open if members have suggestions.
- Disclosure of Child Abuse/Neglect Reporters and Notice
 - ♦ Mr. McCormick reported that in a meeting with himself, Mr. Moses, and Bridget Duffy of the Clark County District Attorney’s Office, Ms. Duffy discussed potential statutory language to provide notice to reporters of child abuse or neglect that their identities may be released in response to the ruling of *Clark County Dept. of Family Services v. Eighth Judicial District Court*, 141 Nev. Adv. Op. 10. There were questions as to who would be responsible for providing said notice, with Mr. Moses noting practical and ethical concerns, such as in the case of having law clerks issue notices. Mr. McCormick and Mr. Moses will continue working with Ms. Duffy and update the Committee, although it is unlikely to be one of the Committee’s own bill drafts.

IV. Discussion

- Population Certification Timeline for Justice of the Peace Filings
 - ♦ In reference to discussions previously held during the December 8, 2025, meeting of the Committee, Judge Goodey inquired if any decision had been made about potentially altering statutory language in [NRS 4.020](#) to require population certifications be completed in odd-numbered years to better align with filing periods for judicial office candidates.
 - Ms. Cortes stated that in the case of the First Judicial District, the Carson City Board of Supervisors approved [2026-R-5](#), a resolution approving a third justice of the peace for the district as well as setting a later filing date to allow candidates to appear on the ballot for the 2026 election cycle.
 - Judge Bishop noted a statutory change may still be needed, as what was done in the First Judicial District to address the issue may not work in other jurisdictions. Mr. McCormick stated that discussions may need to be held with the Nevada State Demographer and the Governor's Office if a change in the certification year is to be pursued.

V. Future Meetings

- The next meeting of the Legislative Committee will be held on April 6th at noon.

VI. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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SPECIALTY COURT FUNDING AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Justice Lidia Stiglich, Co-Chair | Judge Cynthia Cruz | Judge Deborah Schumacher |
| Justice Linda Bell, Co-Chair | Judge Steven Dobrescu | Judge Thomas Stockard |
| Judge Michael Montero, Vice Chair | Judge Lynne Jones | Judge Ryan Tune |
| Judge Tom Armstrong | Judge Jessica Longly | Chief Judge Jerry Wiese |
| Judge Stephen Bishop | Judge Jim Loveless | Judge Bitia Yeager |

Committee Meeting of January 23, 2026 & April 13, 2026

Prepared by: Stephanie Gouveia, Specialty Courts Statewide Coordinator

- The committee received a financial report and cash flow summary from Mr. John McCormick regarding specialty courts.
- The Reno Municipal Court has chosen to cease operation of their Community Court program, presided over by Judge Christopher Hazlett-Stevens. AOC funding previously provided to this program will be redistributed within the Washoe region.
- The committee began to review the fiscal year 2027 program allocation budget and review regional funding. At this time, the fiscal year 2027 awards have not been finalized, however discussions continue in the regions and should be ready well before the next fiscal year.
- The Specialty Court Assistant, Bailey Gibbons, was formally introduced and will provide backup support to the Statewide Specialty Court Coordinator.
- Four committee seats, plus the At-Large seat, reached the end of their terms. Votes were held, and the preciously elected committee members retained their seats and will serve the next term (Jan 1, 2026, to Dec 31, 2028). The At-Large incumbent will remain by appointment.
- The committee discussed federal funding concerns including the cancellation and reinstatement of SAMSHA grants. Court programs were asked to share federal funding information for tracking purposes.
- The committee granted spending permissions under \$5,000 to the Statewide Specialty Court Coordinator to facilitate faster response to minor purchasing needs.

- The committee voted to conduct a mandatory statewide peer review assessment on all AOC-funded specialty court programs. Non-AOC funded programs will also be granted the opportunity to participate.
- The Statewide Coordinator is working with the Drug Court Case Management System and Court View 3, the AOC sponsored case management system, to provide a file transfer that would allow courts to generate referrals into DCCM.
- The next Specialty Court Funding & Policy Committee meeting will be Friday, July 17th, 2026, at 12p.m. It will be held virtually with an option to attend in person in both the south and north.

TAB 6

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Clark Regional Judicial Council

March 10, 2026

Noon

Summary prepared by Almeda Harper

Voting Members Present

Chief Judge Jerry Wiese, Chair
Judge Jessica Goodey, Vice Chair
Judge Alicia Albritton
Judge Gino Bricoco
Judge Melisa De La Garza
Judge Kelly Giordani
Judge Chris Jeter
Judge Ruth Kolhos
Judge Larry Shupe
Judge Ryan Toone

Members Present

Judge Nancy Bernstein
Judge Cristy Craig
Judge Margaret Rickard
Judge Stacy Rocheleau
Judge Tina Talim

Members Absent - Excused

Judge Tara Clark Newberry

Members Absent - Unexcused

Judge Darryll Dodenbier
Judge Rhonda Forsberg
Judge Kalani Hoo
Judge Courtney Ketter
Judge Gregor Mills

Guests Present

Stormi Decker
Hans Jessup
Charles Mapp

AOC Staff Present

Almeda Harper

- I. Call to Order
 - Chief Judge Wiese called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
 - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Approval of Meeting Summary
 - The October 21, 2025, meeting summary was approved as presented.
- III. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
 - AOC Updates
 - Personnel Updates
 - Caity Kinnick was recently hired to fill the vacant Family Court Liaison position.
 - Regina Flores was appointed Continuous Learning Program Coordinator.
 - Almeda Harper was appointed the Court Liaison.
 - AOC Travel Policy Update
 - The travel policy was updated in January 2026.
 - Travel forms must be downloaded directly from the Accounting website.
 - Reimbursement claims must be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of travel.
 - The 300-mile mileage cap has been removed.
 - Nevada Threat and Violence Reporting System
 - The Threat and Violence Report form included in the materials became mandatory for use by all courts effective January 1, 2026.

- All forms, questions and concerns should be submitted via email to the dedicated email account, JudicialThreatReporting@nvcourts.nv.gov.
- The Commission to Study Judicial Branch Security will consider whether and how the collected information will be shared with the courts.
- Who should complete the form:
 - ♦ Preferably, the individual directly involved in the incident.
 - ♦ If multiple people are involved, one person should be designated to submit the report. Only one report should be submitted per incident.
- Continuous Learning Program (CLP) Updates and Survey
 - Created by a work group of court staff leaders from across the state.
 - Developed based directly on input from trial court staff training needs and wants.
 - Courses are available at no cost through DELP.
 - Regina Flores, CLP Coordinator, has requested court feedback via this survey.
 - The program is always looking for subject matter experts to assist in creating and teaching courses. Please contact Regina Flores for more details.
- Future Events
 - District Judges Seminar and Family Law Conference – April 21-24, 2026, at the JW Marriot in Las Vegas.
 - Summer NJLJ – June 10-12, 2026. Hosted by Carson City, housed at the Supreme Court.
 - Specialty Courts Conference – November 4-6, 2026, at South Point in Las Vegas.
 - Leadership Summit – June 14-18, 2027, in Ely, NV.
- “What Do You Want to Know?”
 - Ms. Harper reported that other regions have experienced difficulty securing court reporters and requested guidance regarding available alternatives when a court reporter cannot be obtained. This information will be shared with all courts.
- ADKT 0619 Quarterly Discussion
 - The ADKT Order Adopting the Informal Family Law Trial Pilot Program as a Permanent Program and Adopting District Court Rule 27 was included in the materials.

IV. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, February 27, 2026

10:00 AM

Elko, NV

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Judge Mason Simons, Chair
Judge Randall Soderquist, Vice Chair
Judge Bryan Drake
Judge Bill Gandolfo
Judge Alvin Kacin
Judge Michael Montero
Judge Spencer Roberts

AOC Staff Present

Almeda Harper

Guests Present

Melissa Schnoor

Members Absent - Excused

Judge Kenny Calton
Judge Kriston Hill
Judge Brandy Holbrook
Judge Karry Larramendy
Judge Darrell Mancebo
Judge Mike Mavity
Judge Bryce Shields

Members Absent - Unexcused

Judge Kenneth Quirk

- I. Call to Order
 - Judge Mason Simons, as Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- II. Determination of a Quorum
 - A quorum was not present.
- III. Approval of Meeting Summaries
 - There being no quorum, approval of the November 21, 2025, summary was tabled for the next meeting.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
 - AOC Personnel Updates
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 - Regina Flores, CLP Coordinator, has requested court feedback via a recent [survey](#).
 - The program is always looking for subject matter experts to assist in creating and teaching courses.
- Future Events
 - Family Law Conference hosted by the State Bar – August 26-28, 2026, in South Lake Tahoe.
- What Do You Want to Know
 - Ms. Harper reported the topic remains under review; information is being gathered from other regions to share with the courts.
- Community Service Reports
 - Judge Montero reported that an honors English class from the local high school visited the courthouse to observe the criminal law and motion docket; he later spoke to the class at the high school. He is also preparing for *Reading in Robes* and a courthouse ghost tour.
 - Attendees discussed funding for *Reading in Robes*. While the program remains limited, efforts are ongoing to expand support. Judge Simons requested information on whether the AOC can assist with finding funding.
 - Judge Simons hosted several middle school classes at the court and invited representatives from various departments to participate and speak. Upcoming outreach includes a third-grade mock trial and a Constitution presentation at Spring Creek Middle School.
- Other Items and Discussion
 - The American Bar Association is offering a free summer training in Chicago - *Understanding Impaired Driving: Tools and Perspectives for Non-Lawyer Judges*. Tuition is covered with travel reimbursement up to \$2500. Contact Judge Montero for more information.
 - Third Annual Mental Health Summit will be held on May 12-13, 2026, in Winnemucca. Additional information will be distributed as the date approaches.
 - All Rise will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, this summer. The AOC is sponsoring seven attendees from the Fourth Judicial District.

V. Informational Documents

- Law Library and Self-Help Portal flyers were provided for courts to utilize as needed.

VI. Future Meetings

- Judicial Council of the State of Nevada – Monday, May 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- North Central Regional Judicial Council – Friday, May 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK
Assistant Court Administrator

SIERRA REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, January 23, 2026

12:00 PM

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Judge Tod Young, Chair
Judge Camille Vecchiarelli, Vice-chair
Judge Leon Aberasturi
Judge Tom Armstrong
Judge Melanie Bruketta
Judge Thomas Gregory
Judge Brandi Jensen
Judge Michael Johnson
Judge Michael Lister
Judge Kristin Luis
Judge Lori Matheus
Judge John Schlegelmilch
Judge Pete Spinuzi
Judge Thomas Stockard
Judge Benjamin Trotter
Judge Laurie Trotter
Judge Jason Woodbury

Guests Present

Rebecca Edwards

AOC Staff Present

Almeda Harper

Members Absent - Excused

Members Absent - Unexcused

- I. Call to Order
 - Judge Young, as chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- II. Determination of a Quorum
 - A quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
 - The summary of the October 17, 2025, meeting was unanimously approved.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
 - AOC Updates
 - Personnel Updates
 - Catie Kinnick was hired as the new Family Court Liaison
 - Regian Flores was appointed Continuous Learning Plan Coordinator

- Education Updates
 - NJLJ Winter Seminar will be held on January 27-30, 2026, at the South Point Casino and Resort in Las Vegas.
 - Continuous Learning Program (CLP)
 - Created by a work group of court staff leaders from across the state.
 - Developed based directly on input from trial court staff training needs and wants.
 - Courses are available at no cost through DELP.
 - Regina Flores, CLP Coordinator, has requested court feedback via a recent [survey](#).
 - The program is always looking for subject matter experts to assist in creating and teaching courses.
 - 2026 Conference Dates
 - District Judges Seminar and Family Law Conference – April 21-24, 2026, at the JW Marriot in Las Vegas
 - Summer NJLJ – June 10-21, 2026. Hosted by Carson City, housed at the supreme court.
 - Specialty Courts Conference – November 4-6, 2026, at South Point in Las Vegas
 - Leadership Summit – June 14-18, 2027, in Ely, NV.
 - Nevada Threat and Violence Reporting System
 - The Threat and Violence Report form included in the materials was made mandatory for use by all courts effective January 1, 2026.
 - All forms, questions and concerns should be submitted via email to the dedicated email account, JudicialThreatReporting@nvcourts.nv.gov.
- What Do You Want to Know
 - Ms. Harper reported the topic remains under review; information is being gathered from other regions to share with the courts.
- Community Service Reports/Updates
 - Judge Young shared that he was recognized by the Washoe County Bar Association for his 40 years of membership.
- Other Items/Discussion
 - Judge Johnson Shared that Dan Dundon, who presented at the last NJLJ Winter Seminar, offers free court security evaluations through DPS; he utilized the service, found the report helpful, and recommended the service to others.
 - Judge Young provided an update on the Legislative Committee.
 - Continued discussions regarding the 48-hour hearing requirement; however, potential statutory changes – such as limiting the timeframe to court days – do not appear to be gaining traction.
 - Continued review of potentially increasing the number of judges in the First and Tenth Judicial Districts.
 - There has been initial discussion regarding adjusting the judicial district boundaries.
 - Renewed discussion on probation discharge classifications (honorable vs. dishonorable), particularly for felony cases.
 - Judge Aberasturi requested clarification on statewide practices related to the collection of attorney fees.
 - It was discussed that such fees are assessed based on indigency status.

V. Future Meetings

- Judicial Council of the State of Nevada: Monday, February 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council: Friday, May 8, 2026, at Noon in Carson City.

VI. Adjournment

- There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

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TAB 9

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Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK
Assistant Court Administrator

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2026

4:00 PM

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Judge Stephen Bishop, Vice Chair
Judge Mike Cowley
Judge Dylan Frehner
Judge Matt Hibbs
Judge Nola Holton
Judge Danielle Johnson
Judge Jennifer Klapper
Judge William “Gus” Sullivan
Judge Kirk Vitto

Members Absent - Excused

Judge Steven Dobrescu, Chair
Judge Robert Lane
Judge Dorothy Rowley

Members Absent - Unexcused

Judge Kimberly Wanker

AOC Staff Present

Almeda Harper

- I. Call to Order
 - Judge Bishop, as vice chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- II. Determination of Quorum
 - A quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
 - The summaries for the June 23, 2025, and September 15, 2025, meetings were approved.
- IV. Business, Action, and Discussion Items
 - AOC Updates
 - Personnel Updates
 - Caity Kinnick was recently hired to fill the vacant Family Court Liaison position.
 - Regina Flores was appointed Continuous Learning Program Coordinator.
 - Almeda Harper was appointed the Court Liaison.
 - Education Updates
 - New six-part course: *Guardianship for Nevada Judges*, is now available in DELP. Please contact the Court Education and Development Department (CEDD) for log-in assistance.

- 2025 Nevada Legislative Update webinar is available in DELP and qualifies for CLE credit.
- Future Events
 - District Judges Seminar and Family Law Conference – April 21-24, 2026, at the JW Marriot in Las Vegas.
 - Summer NJLJ – June 10-12, 2026. Hosted by Carson City, housed at the Supreme Court.
 - Specialty Courts Conference – November 4-6, 2026, at South Point in Las Vegas.
 - Leadership Summit – June 14-18, 2027, in Ely, NV.
- AOC Travel Policy Update
 - The travel policy was updated in January 2026.
 - Travel forms must be downloaded directly from the Accounting website.
 - Reimbursement claims must be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of travel.
 - The 300-mile mileage cap has been removed.
- Continuous Learning Program (CLP) Updates and Survey
 - Created by a work group of court staff leaders from across the state.
 - Developed based directly on input from trial court staff training needs and wants.
 - Courses are available at no cost through DELP.
 - Regina Flores, CLP Coordinator, has requested court feedback via this [survey](#).
 - The program is always looking for subject matter experts to assist in creating and teaching courses. Please contact Regina Flores for more details.
- Nevada Threat and Violence Reporting System
 - The Threat and Violence Report form included in the materials became mandatory for use by all courts effective January 1, 2026.
 - All forms, questions and concerns should be submitted via email to the dedicated email account, JudicialThreatReporting@nvcourts.nv.gov.
 - The Commission to Study Judicial Branch Security will consider whether and how the collected information will be shared with the courts.
 - Who should complete the form:
 - ◆ Preferably, the individual directly involved in the incident.
 - ◆ If multiple people are involved, one person should be designated to submit the report. Only one report should be submitted per incident.
- What Do You Want to Know
 - Ms. Harper reported that the Sierra Regional Judicial Council has experienced difficulty securing court reporters and requested guidance regarding available alternatives when a court reporter cannot be obtained. This information will be shared with all courts.
 - Judge Klapper noted that they encountered difficulty locating Nevada-based vendors. The one transcription vendor identified would not download the JAVS application and, therefore, could not transcribe hearings. They are currently using a company based in Texas.
 - Members discussed strategy when transcribing hearings.

- Other Items and Discussion
 - Regional Meeting Dates
 - The attendees agreed to cancel the April meeting date and add a meeting on the Tuesday preceding the Summer NJLJ conference, subject to approval by CEDD and the Chair.

I. Future Meetings

- Judicial Council of the State of Nevada – Monday February 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- South Central Regional Judicial Council – Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
- **Date Change**

II. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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TAB 10

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Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS
State Court Administrator



JOHN MCCORMICK
Assistant Court Administrator

Washoe Regional Judicial Council

February 18, 2026

Noon

Summary prepared by: Martina Schambra

Voting Members Present

Chief Judge Egan Walker (Chair)
Judge Justin Champagne
Judge Shirle Eiting
Judge Erica Flavin
Judge Melissa Mangiaracina

Members Present

Judge Kendra Bertschy
Judge Lynne Jones
Judge Jessica Longley
Judge Scott Pearson
Judge Jennifer Richards
Judge Tamatha Schreinert

Absent Excused

Judge Dixie Grossman
Judge Cynthia Lu
Judge Ryan Katherine Sullivan
Judge Sandra Unsworth

AOC Staff Present

Ms. Almeda Harper
Ms. Martina Schambra

Guests Present

Ms. Jessica Abrass
Ms. Alicia Lerud
Ms. Katie Metz
Ms. Julia Ratti
Ms. Heidi Shaw

- I. Call to Order
 - Chief Judge Walker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- II. Call of Roll and Determination of Quorum Status
 - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Summaries
 - The summaries of the July 9, 2025, and October 15, 2025, meetings of the Council were approved as presented.
- IV. AOC Updates
 - AOC Staff Update
 - ♦ Caity Kinnick is the Family Court Liaison
 - ♦ Regina Flores is the Continuous Learning Plan Coordinator.
 - ♦ Alicia Lord is no longer with the Supreme Court. Almeda Harper has assumed the Court Liaison role and will run Council meetings moving forward.
 - AOC Travel Policy Update
 - ♦ The AOC's travel policy was updated on January 1st. Ms. Harper reminded members to download the latest version of the travel policy and related forms from the AOC Accounting homepage.

- Continuous Learning Plan (CLP)
 - ♦ The latest CLP course, InCourt Application Training, is now available. This is primarily directed at staff who utilize CourtView and shows how InCourt supports efficient case processing.
 - ♦ Future courses in the CLP include an overview of the Nevada court system, the roles and responsibilities of courtroom personnel and AI-related cybersecurity risks. Ms. Harper reminded members to encourage their staff to participate in CLP courses, as well as ask their staff to participate in the latest survey sent out by the CLP; the link was included in the meeting materials under Tab 4.
- Nevada Threat and Violence Reporting System
 - ♦ The Nevada Threat and Violence Report Form went live on January 1st. This form is for Nevada court personnel to report threats or concerning conduct involving persons connected to court operations including judges, court employees, jurors and members of the public. These forms are to be emailed to JudicialThreatReporting@nvcourts.nv.gov.
- Future Conference Dates
 - ♦ District Judges Seminar and Family Law Conference – April 21-24, 2026, at the JW Marriot in Las Vegas.
 - ♦ Summer NJLJ – June 10-12, 2026, at the Supreme Court of Nevada in Carson City.
 - ♦ Specialty Courts Conference – November 4-6, 2026, at South Point in Las Vegas.
 - ♦ Leadership Summit – June 14-18, 2027, in Ely, NV.
- Nevada Self-Help Center
 - ♦ Flyers for the Nevada Self-Help Center were included in the meeting materials under Tab 5.
- “What Do You Want to Know?”
 - ♦ Chief Judge Walker requested information on court reporters, as it is difficult to find them when needed, and offered to share information with Ms. Harper regarding the recording system the Second Judicial District Court utilizes.

V. Discussion

- Washoe County SIM Initiative – *Julia Ratti*
 - ♦ Chief Judge Walker contextualized the SIM Initiative discussion, and reported that he was appointed to lead the Second Judicial District Court’s efforts to address mental health issues as they intersect with the justice system; this work eventually led Washoe County to adopt the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM).
 - ♦ Ms. Ratti presented the Washoe County SIM Initiative. The SIM Initiative is a framework based on national best practices and launched in 2024 with the goal of building a systemic, community-wide approach to reducing the criminalization of and improving outcomes for those with behavioral health challenges. The six intercepts that have been identified as where individuals encounter the justice system are as follows:
 - Intercept 0: Community Services
 - Intercept 1: Law Enforcement
 - Intercept 2: Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearings
 - Intercept 3: Jails/Courts
 - Intercept 4: Reentry
 - Intercept 5: Community Corrections
 - ♦ Washoe County currently focuses on Intercepts 1 through 4. Accomplishments to date include convening two SIM summits in 2024 and 2025, developing the SIM Implementation Strategic Framework document, and mapping behavioral health and supportive housing resources available in the community. The Initiative is currently developing an inventory of the different screening tools that are used throughout the justice system.
 - ♦ Ms. Ratti encouraged anyone who wants to take part in the SIM Initiative to reach out to herself or Katie Metz, the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator. Ms. Ratti would like to provide regular updates to the Council regarding SIM in the future.

- ♦ Chief Judge Walker will reconvene the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) soon. Chief Judge Walker pointed to Intercepts 2 and 3 as directly involving the courts and wants to use the CJAC to bring together judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and other relevant stakeholders.
- Washoe County Sheriff's Office Updates
 - ♦ There were no updates presented at the meeting.
- Court Updates
 - ♦ Second Judicial District Court – *Chief Judge Egan Walker*
 - Due to the retirement of Judge Bridget Robb, there is a vacancy in the Family Division. The Commission on Judicial Selection is accepting applications for the vacancy until February 25th. Additionally, two Family Division judicial races and one General Jurisdiction race are underway.
 - ♦ Reno Justice Court – *Chief Judge Scott Pearson*
 - Chief Judge Pearson reported that Reno Justice Court continues its efforts to implement the National Center for State Courts' model time standards, which call for 98% of felony cases to be arraigned in district court within 60 days of the filing of the criminal complaint. While Chief Judge Pearson is fine with the majority of negotiations continuing to occur at the Court, he believes that those involving complex cases should occur in the district court, similar to the model in Clark County.
 - Judge Bertschy reported that the Court is working on the SIM Initiative's Intercept 2 in regard to pre-prosecution diversion programs, specifically the redevelopment of the STAR program into a pre-prosecution opioid intervention court. The initiative has incorporated input from the Human Services Agency, the Second Judicial District Court, and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office's Alternative Sentencing Unit, as well as the Public Defender's and District Attorney's Offices. The program is not yet ready to launch but referral information will be shared once implementation begins.
 - ♦ Reno Municipal Court – *Judge Justin Champagne*
 - Judge Champagne reported that Judge Gene Drakulich will retire from Department 1 and multiple candidates are running for the position. Court Administrator Veronica Lopez is also retiring; she will be replaced by Irma Aboytes Tanner from the Reno City Attorney's Office, effective July 1st. Anthony Mauwee was recently hired as a court marshal. The Court aims to expand its peer recovery support program, particularly through the Youth Achieving Recovery Court, and a contract with CrossRoads is currently in place.
 - ♦ Sparks Justice Court – *Judge Erica Flavin*
 - Judge Flavin reported that Judge Kevin Higgins has retired and is now a Senior Judge. A representative from Recovery Friendly Workplace comes to the Court once a week to assist individuals who need help filling out resumes, job applications and related tasks. Judge Flavin also reported that arraignment dates in some cases are being pushed out a week to allow time for attorneys to have meaningful discussion with defendants and give them an opportunity to have a speedy prelim set or continue to negotiate the case.
 - ♦ Sparks Municipal Court – *Judge Shirle T. Eiting*
 - Judge Eiting reported that Sparks Municipal Court is preparing for the transition to CourtView 3, with Court Administrator Heidi Shard working closely with the AOC on implementation.

- ♦ Incline Village Justice Court – *Judge Melissa Mangiaracina*
 - Judge Mangiaracina and Chief Judge Walker highlighted a recent success involving a domestic violence case that was transferred to Competency Court, reducing the individual’s repeated interactions with the court system in alignment with the SIM Initiative’s goals. Judge Mangiaracina stated that court operations went virtual due to the recent winter storm and associated road closures.

VI. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

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