

Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

KATHERINE STOCKS
State Court Administrator



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Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

May 4, 2026
2:00 p.m.

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Chief Justice Herndon – Chair
Associate Chief Justice Linda Bell – Vice-chair
Judge Stephen Bishop
Chief Judge Bonnie Bulla
Judge Tara Clark Newberry
Judge Steven Dobrescu
Judge Erica Flavin
Judge Rhonda Forsberg
Steven Grierson
Judge Susan Johnson
Judge Jennifer Klapper
Alicia Lerud
Judge Mason Simons
Judge Randall Soderquist
Katherine Stocks
Judge Camille Vecchiarelli
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese
Judge Tod Young

AOC Staff Present

Zac Casper
Stephanie Gouveia
Almeda Harper
Bailey Johnson
Emily Kuhlman
Kate McCloskey
John McCormick

Members Absent – Excused

Judge Jessica Goodey
Chief Judge Egan Walker

Members Absent - Unexcused

Judge Victor Miller

Guests Present

Justice Elissa Cadish
Charles Map
Emily Reed
Joe Tommasino

- I. Call to Order
 - Chief Justice Herndon, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
 - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
 - The meeting summary of February 9, 2026, was approved as presented.
- III. Reports of Standing Committees
 - Court Administration Committee
 - The Committee achieved a quorum for the first time in several years.
 - Members received updates on AOC initiatives, including the C-Track rollout.
 - Ms. Stocks thanked the trial courts and Clark County for their collaboration during the AOC's transition from the Governor's Office of Information Technology, noting that the partnership was critical to maintaining essential services including e-warrants and other statewide system connections.

- Court Improvement Program (CIP)
 - Mr. Casper introduced himself as the newly appointed Court Improvement Program Officer and provided the following updates:
 - Federal Fiscal Year 2025 funds had been fully expended.
 - Planning for the Court Improvement Conference Summit was underway.
 - Work continued on proposed dependency rule revisions to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.
 - Collaboration with the Children’s Bureau on the Child and Family Services Review remained ongoing.
 - Justice Cadish welcomed Mr. Casper to his new role, expressed confidence in his leadership, and encouraged members to contact him with Court Improvement Program matters.
- Legislative Committee
 - Mr. McCormick Provided the following report:
 - The Interim finance committee approved funding to assist the Las Vegas Justice Court with data collection requirements associated with the corridor court initiative.
 - The committee continued developing legislative proposals addressing judicial resources, record sealing statutes, probation discharge procedures, 48-hour bail hearings, and attorney stipend issues.
 - Discussions continued regarding legislation to expedite the effectiveness of recommendations made by appointed judicial officers to reduce unnecessary detention delays for juveniles.
- Specialty Court Funding Committee
 - Ms. Gouveia provided the following report:
 - The committee approved the redistribution of surplus funding to assist specialty court programs with increasing treatment and drug testing costs.
 - Funding previously allocated to the Reno Municipal Court Community Court was redistributed to other programs within the Washoe region following the program’s closure.
 - Fiscal Year 2027 funding allocations were under development and expected to be finalized before July.
 - All eligible committee members whose terms had expired were re-elected to serve through December 31, 2028.
 - The Committee continued monitoring federal grant funding to evaluate potential impacts on specialty court programs.
 - A statewide peer review assessment was underway to identify best practices, strengths, and opportunities for improvement across Nevada specialty courts.
 - Development continued integrating the drug court case management system with CourtView and other criminal case management systems to automate referrals.

IV. 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 reminded attendees of the upcoming Brain Health Summit and encouraged attendance while registration remained open.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Young advised that the next Council meeting would be held later that week at a new location and anticipate strong attendance. He directed members to the summary for additional details.
- South Central Regional Judicial Council
 - Attendees were directed to the summary included in the materials.
- Washoe Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Flavin reported that work on the Sequential Intercept Model continued and directed attendees to the included summary for additional details.
 - Ms. Lerud provided an update on Washoe County's in-house audiovisual courtroom recording system, advising that:
 - The system had been fully implemented in nearly all general jurisdiction courtrooms and had operated successfully for more than one year.
 - The Court was evaluating the system as a long-term replacement for JAVS due to increasing maintenance and upgrade costs.
 - The court plans to partner with a local vendor to provide long-term maintenance and support.
 - Audio recordings were transmitted electronically for transcript preparation using AI-assisted transcription followed by certified court reporter review, resulting in approximately 48-hour turnaround times.
 - Judge Young requested additional information regarding transcript costs and operational savings. Ms. Lerud offered to provide the requested data and invited court to contact her office for additional information or to observe the system.

V. Future Meetings

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

VI. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.