

Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

September 16, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Chief Justice Parraguirre, Chair
Judge Bert Brown
Judge Steven Dobrescu
Judge Shirle Eiting
Chief Judge Michael Gibbons
Judge Tom Gregory
Judge Bill Henderson
Judge Eileen Herrington
Judge Eric Johnson
Judge Phillip Leamon
Ms. Alicia Lerud
Judge Mike Montero
Ms. Katherine Stocks
Judge Ryan Toone
Judge Nathan Young

Guests Present

Justice Elissa Cadish
Ms. Bobbie Williams

Absent

Associate Chief Justice Hardesty, Vice Chair
Mr. Steven Grierson
Judge Gus Sullivan

AOC Staff

Ms. Almeda Harper
Mr. John McCormick
Ms. Zaide Martinez

Absent Excused

Chief Judge Kevin Higgins
Chief Judge Lynne Simons
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese
Judge Anne Zimmerman

- I. Call to Order
 - Chief Justice Parraguirre called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
 - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Public Comment
 - There was no public comment.
- III. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
 - The meeting summary for June 17, 2022, was unanimously approved.
- IV. Reports of Standing Committees
 - Court Improvement Program Select Committee (*Please see meeting materials for additional information*)
 - ♦ Ms. Martinez provided a brief overview of the last meeting held on July 8, 2022. The NRS 432B Legislative Subcommittee voted on which topics to present to the legislature.
 - ♦ ADKT 601 amending civil procedures for qualified residential treatment programs for children in the dependency system was reviewed.
 - ♦ The annual Community Improvement Council Summit will be held on September 21 – 23, 2022. The judicial roundtable will be held on Wednesday and the summit will be held on Thursday and Friday.
 - Legislative Committee (*Please see materials for more details*)
 - ♦ The committee submitted eight bill draft requests (BDR)

- ♦ The last section of the limited jurisdiction clean-up BDR deals with removing the current requirement that first and second DUI offenders must wear distinctive garb when performing their community service. LCB felt it did not meet the single-subject rule, so one of the remaining BDRs will be used to request this change.
- ♦ During discussions with LCB regarding six-person juries in limited jurisdiction courts, they were concerned that it would violate the guarantee of a jury trial in article one of the Nevada Constitution. Per Mr. McCormick's understanding, the number of required jurors was not referenced. The LCB conceded and agreed to the BDR.
- Technology Committee – *No meeting held within the reporting period*
 - ♦ The AOC requested volunteers to join the committee, specifically a chair.
 - Justice Parraguirre recommended Chief Judge Brown to chair the committee if he was interested. He also suggested the committee be co-chaired by one district court judge and one limited jurisdiction court judge.
 - Judge Herrington volunteered as the limited jurisdiction co-chair. She also suggested appointing someone similar to Mr. Rick Stephanie who was previously on the committee.
 - ♦ Ms. Stocks commented the committee is in need of a chair to review how the AOC can improve technology across the state. The chair will help guide Mr. Embley in utilizing more than \$30 million in funding that was received for statewide CMS, eFile, and data repositories. The AOC would provide staff work and identify areas that require input from the judges to ensure we are headed in the right direction, and that we make decisions with the knowledge and consent of the bench.
 - ♦ The committee was initially created to figure out how to use technology in courts and somehow, over time, it devolved and lost focus. This is a chance to refocus and ensure federal funding is spent appropriately.
 - ♦ Chief Justice Parraguirre asked if this committee would coordinate with the governor's broadband initiative.
 - Ms. Stocks stated that updates could be provided to the group to ensure the information will be passed along to the judges. The Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology could also be asked to attend meetings and provide updates.
 - ♦ Judge Toone suggested appointing members who specialize in technology in addition to the judges.
 - ♦ Judge Young volunteered Mr. Mike McAlister, the IT Director for the Ninth District Court, as a member of the committee.

V. Report of Regional Council Meetings

- Clark Regional Judicial Council
 - ♦ Chief Judge Brown commented the Las Vegas Municipal Court intended to file a writ against AB424. They are looking for more participants if there is any interest.
 - ♦ Judge Toone also commented they had a good discussion on AB116 and the efforts the different courts are taking to comply with those requirements.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
 - ♦ Judge Young commented that, for the first time in a while, they had a quorum. They had a good discussion on jury trials and bail hearings. They also reviewed the agenda of the last JCSN meeting.
- Washoe Regional Judicial Council
 - ♦ Ms. Lerud commented there will be a presentation on the Mental Competency Restoration Process during the upcoming regional meeting on November 9, 2022, at noon. All interested judges are invited to attend. Please reach out to Chief Judge Simons, Ms. Lerud, or Ms. Harper if you have any questions regarding meeting information.

VI. Future Meetings

- November 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

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