

Supreme Court of Nevada
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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, March 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Venue:

Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID:
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Supreme Court
Carson City
Law Library
Room 107
201 S. Carson St.

Supreme Court
Las Vegas
1st Floor Conf Room
408 E. Clark Ave.

Commissioners Present

Chair, Chief Justice Lidia Stiglich
Vice-Chair Gregory Kamer Esq.
Ms. Claudia Aguayo Esq.
Ms. Donna Bath
Ms. Justina Caviglia Esq.
Mr. Andrew Diss
Mr. Jeffrey Gilbert
Mr. Peter Guzman

Guests Present

Commission Staff Present

Ms. Margarita Bautista

Commissioner(s) Excused

Mr. Joel Locke Esq.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: at 10:04 a.m.
2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum Pursuant to Rule 4.C.

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

3. Public Comment Pursuant to Rule 4.E.

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Summary from February 7-10, 2023*

Comm'r Gilbert made a motion to approve the meeting summary.

Vice Comm'r Kamer seconded the motion.

❖ The motion passed unanimously

5. Interviews for Eighth Judicial District Department C*

Chair Stiglich asked for disclosures pursuant to Rule 4.A.

Mr. Guzman indicated Ms. Rincon White has come before the Latin Chamber in some capacity.

The Commission proceeded without concern of impartiality based on the disclosure.

Chair Stiglich stated that the Commission answered a survey and the majority voted to interview all repeat applicants for 15 minutes and 30-minutes for new applicants.

Comm'r Guzman made a motion to approve the draft agenda.

Vice Chair Kamer seconded the motion

❖ The motion passed unanimously

6. Rules Amendment Meeting

Comm'r Kamer made a motion to establish a Rules Amendment Subcommittee with himself and Comm'r Gilbert.

Comm'r Guzman asked whether it is appropriate for commissioners to speak with applicants.

Vice Chair Kamer stated that he's completed a deep dive into the rules with the current process and that there are rules in place stating how to go about speaking with applicants.

Comm'r Gilbert noted that there have been 8 rule changes in 14 years and that amendments may be necessary from time-to-time.

Comm'r Gilbert stated that it's obvious that questions cannot be asked by all Commissioners for the repeat applicants in 15 minutes. He suggested that if commissioners have specific questions, to be able to ask, otherwise it could be posed as an opportunity for the applicants to state why they should be considered.

Chair Stiglich concurred with the suggestion from Comm'r Gilbert.

Comm'r Bath concurred and stated she would like to have the 15 minutes in order to refresh her memory after the extensive set of interviews held in February.

Chair Stiglich stated that there's nothing wrong with speaking to an applicant or someone on an applicant's behalf. In general a reach out is allowed. The Chair further stated that executive session discussions are confidential.

Vice-Chair Kamer stated that he has reached out to applicants that are not chosen and encourages them to continue to go through the process—noting the Rules give the obligation to the commissioners to identify and recruit qualified applicants.

At 10:19 Ms. Caviglia joined the meeting. She stated that she has reviewed and approves of the interview schedule.

Comm'r Diss asked if the binder with the applicant's credit checks and background checks would be sent around.

Ms. Bautista informed that binders would be sent around as well as applicant materials would be posted on the committee internal page.

Vice Chair asked for Word versions of the Rules. The report will come to the Chief Justice by May.

Chair Stiglich closed the meeting by inviting the commisioners to come to the courthouse naming on March 20, 2023.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 10:23 a.m.