

Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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MEETING SUMMARY

Organization: **COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION**

Date and Time: Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Venue: Zoom Meeting

Commissioners Present

Chair, Justice Douglas Herndon
Vice-Chair Gregory Kamer Esq.
Ms. April Arndt
Ms. Donna Bath
Ms. Justina Caviglia, Esq.
Mr. Andrew Diss
Mr. Peter Guzman
Ms. Julie Slabaugh, Esq.

Guests Present

Melvin Grimes
Jennifer Isso
Jason Stoffel

Commission Staff Present

Ms. Margarita Bautista

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Herndon called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Chair Herndon welcomed the Commission and introduced himself. Also introduced Com'r Arndt

Chair Herndon stated the purpose of the meeting was to give Commissioners an opportunity to review the proposed interview schedule, ask questions regarding the interview and applicant review process.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum Pursuant to Rule 4.F.

Sec'y Stocks took roll, and a quorum was present.

3. Public Comment Pursuant to Rule 4.C.ii.

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Summary from September 23, 2024.

Com'r Slabaugh requested a correction be made to page 3, specific to her disclosure of Mr. Krueger. Com'r Slabaugh stated she has not interacted with Mr. Krueger since 2022, not 2020 as per the summary.

Com'r Diss abstained.

Vice Chair Kamer moved to approve the meeting summary with the correction noted above.

Com'r Bath seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

5. Eighth Judicial District Department Y Interview Schedule

Chair Herndon stated Com'rs had a copy of the draft interview schedule for January 24, 2025, in the Las Vegas Courtroom.

Chair Herndon asked Ms. Bautista if all Comr's had been informed of the situation with a late application.

Ms. Bautista responded that only the Chair had been informed of the situation.

Chair Herndon explained there were six applicants that submitted complete applications timely and one application that was submitted after the deadline by Ms. Jennifer Isso.

Chair Herndon briefly explained Ms. Isso's situation as to why her application was not submitted in a timely manner, including her fingerprints.

Chair Herndon stated Ms. Isso was informed that her application would be brought forward to the Commission and the commission would decide on whether her application would be accepted or not.

Chair Herndon opened the floor to discussion.

Vice Chair Kamer provided a brief overview of similar situations from the past and stated he was opposed to the idea of allowing the application.

Com'r Guzman raised two questions: 1. Has this been permitted in the past? 2. If the exception is granted and Ms. Isso is added to the panel, could the other applicants challenge her inclusion after the deadline?

Chair Herndon stated he understands the difficulties in getting an application completed during the holidays. He also stated he spoke with the previous three chairs, and they advised historically, the inclusion has never been granted if due to untimeliness.

Com'r Bath requested to know if any other applicant had any technical issues in this period.

Ms. Bautista responded no other applicants had any issues.

Com'r Diss requested the dates of the application period.

Ms. Bautista stated the application period was from Tuesday, November 12 through noon, Wednesday December 18, 2024.

Chair Herndon made a motion not to accept Ms. Jennifer Isso's late application.

Vice Chair Kamer seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Herndon asked Ms. Bautista to notify the applicant of the decision and to encourage her to apply in the future.

Chair Herndon requested Sec'y Stocks review the proposed agenda with the first interview beginning at 9:15am and the last interview at 12:05pm with the executive session following immediately thereafter.

- a. 09:15 a.m. Emily McFarling
- b. 09:45 a.m. Melvin Grimes
- c. 10:15 a.m. -Break-
- d. 10:25 a.m. Jason Stoffel
- e. 10:55 a.m. Nicholas Petsas
- f. 11:25 a.m. -Break-
- g. 11:35 a.m. Paul Gaudet
- h. 12:05 p.m. Adriana White

Chair Herndon asked if any commissioner had any concerns with the proposed interview schedule and received no response. Chair Herndon stated that the interview schedule would proceed as proposed.

Chair Herndon stated that as of current date, a temporary member had not been appointed by the State Bar.

Ms. Bautista confirmed that was correct although the temporary member would be appointed by no later than the following week.

Chair Herndon asked the Commission questions pertaining to the process of Executive Session and voting.

Vice Chair Kamer stated that usually the lunch break is used concurrently with Executive Session and allows for discussion.

Before adjournment, Chair Herndon asked if there was a second public comment period.

Sec'y Stocks responded it is not custom for this Commission to have a second public comment period except for a single circumstance because the individuals attending were involved in part of the discussion.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:17pm.