

Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

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2:00 p.m.

Summary prepared by: Almeda Harper

Members Present

Chief Justice Elissa Cadish (Chair)
Judge Stephen Bishop
Judge Bonnie Bulla
Judge Steven Dobrescu
Judge Kelly Giordani
Steven Grierson
Judge Eileen Herrington
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins
Judge Victor Miller
Judge Shelly O'Neill
Judge John Schlegelmilch
Judge Mason Simons
Judge Randall Soderquist
Katherine Stocks
Judge Dawn Throne
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese

AOC Staff

Zacary Casper
Paul Embley
Jamie Gradick
Almeda Harper
Shyle Irigoien
Chad Johnson
John McCormick

Guests

Alicia Davis
Jessica Gurley
Justice Doug Herndon
Judge Luis
Judge Michael Montero

Absent

Associate Chief Justice Stiglich (Vice-Chair)

Absent Excused

Chief Judge Lynne Jones
Judge Joanna Kishner
Alicia Lerud
Judge Gloria Sturman
Judge Natalie Tyrrell

I. Call to Order

- Chief Justice Cadish called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
- Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- Opening Remarks
 - Chief Justice Cadish attended the Conference of Chief Justices in Nashville, TN. One of the issues discussed was the decline of public trust and respect in the court system. She felt it is the responsibility of the judges to help support the Judicial Branch by not only continuing to perform their duties well, but also being positive and supportive when discussing the Judicial Branch family, friends, and members of the public.

II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary

- The meeting summary from August 18, 2023, was unanimously approved.

III. Reports of Standing Committees

- Court Improvement Program
 - Mr. McCormick provided the following updates
 - Judicial Roundtable for judges and masters/magistrates will be held on September 18, 2024.
 - Community Improvement Council General Summit will be held on September 19-20, 2024.
 - CIP has established the Dependency Judicial Leadership Subcommittee established during the roundtable from the last summit. The subcommittee will review guardianship and out-of-home placement without court oversight.

- Legislative Committee
 - Mr. McCormick provided the following updates
 - Bill Draft Requests (BDR) are due to the Legislature by September 1, 2024
 - The Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction’s Legislative Committee will be working on potential corrections for AB116.
 - The Committee will be working with the Guardianship Commission to submit a Guardianship bill.
 - There will likely be a push to remove Administrative Assessment fees, if so, the Committee will be looking for ways to ensure funding is still available for courts that rely on AA fees.
 - The Committee discussed avoiding trailing misdemeanors by binding the cases with felonies and gross misdemeanors at the District Court level.
 - The Committee discussed revising the rule that requires capital murder preliminary hearings to be recorded by a court recorder.
 - A comprehensive preliminary hearing bill is being drafted and will be routed for review.
 - The Committee discussed potential issues and corrections for parole and probation and technical vs. non-technical and honorable vs. dishonorable discharges which may need to be reviewed by the sentencing commission.
 - The Committee discussed making the funding for 48-hour bail hearings permanent and expanding it to cover certain townships based on population.
 - Post-sentence, no-contact orders are not being processed and may need to be transferred to the repository for processing similar to pre-trial, no-contact orders.
 - The 8th Judicial District Court will be requesting additional judges.
 - The SB418 questionnaire is available for the current filing period, typos have been identified and corrected. The quiz/test is still under discussion but will be ready for the influx of new judges in 2025.
 - The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
- Specialty Court Funding Committee
 - Mr. McCormick provided the following updates.
 - Judge Longly will be replacing Judge Sullivan on the committee.
 - The All Rise conference will be held in Anaheim, CA in May 2024
 - The Committee reviewed and updated policy language to assist specialty courts in finding appropriate treatment agencies.
 - The next Specialty Court conference will be held in October 2024.
- Family Subcommittee
 - Ms. Davis provided the following updates.
 - The Subcommittee is hosting a Technology Roundtable on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. located at the Second Judicial District Court. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Discussions will include guided interviews, Blue Sky protection order model, and an introduction to triage. Please email Ms. Davis directly for details.
 - The Family Subcommittee Strategic Planning Summit will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Second Judicial District Court. Attendees will discuss issues identified in the 2019 report on the family court model and what a sustainable statewide family court model looks like and how it will interface with other committees.

IV. Report of Regional Council Meetings

- North Central Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Simons referred members to the summary in the meeting materials for more information.
- Sierra Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Shelegelmlch commented that at the last meeting, the members welcomed Judge Lewis and Judge Johnson as newly appointed judges in the region.
- South Central Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Dobrescu referred members to the summary in the meeting materials for more information.

V. Other Items/Discussion

- AOC Projects
 - Ms. Stocks provided the following updates.
 - All AOC projects outside of the Family Subcommittee are related to the three tiers of the Strategic Plan which will conclude in 2025. The largest portion of the plan is to increase access to justice.
 - A public hearing for ADKT 615 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th, at 2:00 p.m. The changes in this ADKT propose making e-filing mandatory once the program goes live for all trial courts in the state.
 - The Global Justice civil traffic platform will remain an option for trial courts, but the AOCs sponsorship of the program will end on June 30, 2023. Courts can use CourtView instead. The AOC will be upgrading to CourtView 3 which is cloud based.
 - The Statewide Jury project is still forthcoming. One side of the project is the jury pool that courts can pull from and the other side of the project is running jury trials.

VI. Information Materials

- 2023 Attendance Records
 - Chief Justice Cadish thanked the JCSN members for attending and participating in meetings and asked that member pass along a request to other judges to attend future meetings per the requirements of the Bylaws.
- A public hearing for ADKT 580 has been scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the Proposed Revised Rules for Appellate Procedures.

VII. Future Meetings

- May 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
- August 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
- November 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.