

Supreme Court of Nevada
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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Venue:

Zoom Meeting	Supreme Court	Supreme Court
Public Access	Carson City	Las Vegas
Meeting ID:	Law Library	1 st Floor Conf Room
827 6270 4910	Room 103	408 E.
Passcode:	201 S. Carson St.	Clark Ave.
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SUMMARY

Commissioners Present:
Chair Stiglich
Comm'r Aguayo
Comm'r Caviglia
Comm'r Diss
Comm'r Kamer
Comm'r Locke

Commissioners Absent:
Comm'r Gilbert
Comm'r Savvoir

Members of the Public Present:
Mr. James Dean Leavitt
Mr. Richard Kohut

Commission Staff Present:
Ms. Margarita Bautista

1. Call to Order

Chair Stiglich called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

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

3. Public Comment Pursuant to Rule 4.E.

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Summary from January 17, 2023*

Com'r Gilbert made a motion to approve the January 17, 2023 meeting summary as is. Com'r Diss seconded the motion.

- The motion to approve the January 17, 2023 meeting summary passed unanimously with no amendments.

5. Interviews for Eighth Judicial District Departments VII, XXIX, C, N, and O*

Chair Stiglich briefly discussed how the schedule will look on the day of interviews.

Chair Stiglich then asked the commission for any disclosures per rule 2.A. from commissioners regarding any of their relationships to the candidates.

- Comm'r Kamer disclosed a number of candidates have previously applied and that will not impair his judgement on those candidates.
- Comm'r Aguayo disclosed she had previously been employed along side of Ms. Danielle Chio. Comm'r Aguayo also disclosed that Ms. Berna Rhodes-Ford had been employed by her employer to conduct investigations but did not have direct contact with Ms. Rhodes-Ford.
 - Chair Stiglich asked if there was anything about the relationships that had cause to exclude Ms. Aguayo.
 - Comm'r Aguayo responded there was not.
 - Chair Stiglich asked other commissioners if there was anything about the relationships that gave any cause to exclude Ms. Aguayo.
 - None were heard
- Comm'r Locke disclosed he sits as a member of the Board of Governors and Mr. Daniel Hooge is an employee of Office of Bar Counsel.
 - Chair Stiglich asked if there was any reason that had cause to exclude Mr. Locke.
 - Comm'r Locke responded there was not.
 - Chair Stiglich asked if other commissioners if there was anything about the relationship that gave any cause to exclude Mr. Locke.
 - None were heard
- Chair Stiglich disclosed that she herself as stated before, have met a lot of these attorneys either in a work or social setting.
- Chair Stiglich asked for any other disclosures.
 - No other disclosures were made.

Chair Stiglich went into review of Rule 7 for interviews and asked if any commissioners wanted to exclude an applicant based on lack of qualifications.

- No disqualifications were made.

Chair Stiglich requested to know if any commissioner felt that subcommittees were needed in order to investigate applicants or if individual investigations would be sufficient.

- Comm'r Locke stated individual was fine.

Chair Stiglich asked Comm'r Kamer to give new commissioners an explanation of what commissioners must do the day of interviews.

- Comm'r Kamer gave a brief overview.

- Comm’r Diss added a few minor details pertinent to the voting of applicants.
- Comm’r Kamer added that it is important that applicants understand that anything brought forth to one commissioner will be shared with the entirety of the commission.
- Chair Stiglich requested Mr. Kamer go more in depth of the actual questioning process.
 - Comm’r Kamer gave a more in depth look at the questioning process.
 - Comm’r Locke also gave his input on how he goes about the questioning process.
 - Comm’r Diss also gave his input and stated he would be changing the questions a bit because he does not want any applicant to have an unfair advantage.
 - Comm’r Kamer stated it was not allowed for applicants to view other applicants interviews prior to their interview.

6. Public Comment: Mr. Kohut provided public comment against applicant, Mr. Hooge, State Bar Counsel.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

*Denotes items which the Commission may take action.

Accommodation: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodation for the members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Administrative Office of the Courts, in writing to mbautista@nvcourts.nv.gov or call Margarita Bautista at (775) 684-1710.

Notice: Commission Rule 4.B. public notice of meeting was provided at least three working days prior to the meeting. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Supreme Court Website www.nvcourts.gov.