

Supreme Court of Nevada  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

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**April 14, 2025, MEETING SUMMARY**

Name of Organization: JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA  
**SPECIALTY COURT FUNDING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**  
*"To unite and promote Nevada's judiciary as an equal, independent and effective branch of government."*

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Video/Telephone Conference

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chief Justice Lidia Stiglich, Chair  
Justice Linda Bell, Chair  
Judge Tom Armstrong  
Chief Judge Cynthia Cruz  
Judge Steven Dobrescu  
Judge Michael Montero  
Judge Deborah Schumacher  
Judge Thomas Stockard  
Judge Ryan Toone  
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese  
Judge Bitia Yeager  
Chief Judge Lynne Jones  
Judge Jessica Longley  
Judge Randall Soderquist

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Judge Stephen Bishop

**MEMBERS UNEXCUSED**

**REGIONAL SPECIALTY COURT  
COORDINATORS PRESENT**

Julia Dendary, Rural Region  
EJ Maldonado, Rural Region  
Steve Grierson, Clark Region  
Jeremy Wilson, Washoe Region

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS  
STAFF PRESENT**

John McCormick, Assistant Court Administrator  
Stephanie Gouveia, Specialty Courts Statewide  
Coordinator  
Brandi Jinkerson, Audit Manager  
Todd Myler, Chief Financial Officer

### Call to Order

Chair Justice Linda Bell called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

### Call of the Roll and Determination of Quorum Status

Ms. Stephanie Gouveia called the roll. A quorum was established.

### Public Comment

Chair Justice Bell asked for any public comment. There were none and public comment was closed.

### Approval of Meeting Summary from January 24, 2025, meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Fiscal Year 2025 Surplus Funding

Ms. Gouveia stated that the one-time surplus funding had increased to \$730,576. She shared that twelve courts submitted proposals. The committee had conducted a vote via email and the allocations were approved. Ms. Gouveia shared the allocations and stated she would send award letters along with financial reporting instructions to the programs. Justice Bell asked if there were further questions or comments; there were none and this section was closed.

### Funding Guidelines

Ms. Gouveia stated that some funding caps would be adjusted to reflect inflationary pressures. Housing and Housing with a Case Manager were increased to a maximum 40% of the award while Team Training will increase to a maximum 20% of the award. A motion was made to eliminate guidelines all together. Brandi Jinkerson, Audit Manager, stated that prior spending issues with court programs were of concern. It was decided that a court could submit in writing the reason for a change in funding caps and Ms. Gouveia would take it to the committee for review. Ms. Gouveia stated she would follow up with committee chairs to see if further changes would take place.

### FY2026 Funding Timeline

Ms. Gouveia stated that the next committee meetings will take place in July and October of 2025. She stated the AOC was awaiting budget numbers from the state and would move forward with program allocations once firm numbers were received. Justice Bell asked if there were further questions or comments; there were none and this section was closed.

### All Rise 2025 & NV Social Hour

Ms. Gouveia shared that RISE25 would be held next month and that 35 Nevada treatment court workers would attend through the AOC. She reminded everyone that the third annual Nevada Treatment Court Workers Social Hour would be held on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, and that conference room information was available in the RISE phone application. Justice Bell asked if there were further questions or comments; there were none and this section was closed.

### Winnemucca Brain Health Summit

Judge Michael Montero shared that his court would host their Brain Health Summit May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Winnemucca, NV. An invitation with registration information was shared, and a virtual link to follow via email.

### National Treatment Court Month

Ms. Gouveia stated that May is National Treatment Court Month and shared resources for court programs. She asked that courts share any community events recognizing their courts or related work.

### Best Practice Standards

Ms. Gouveia stated that All Rise has published a revised version of the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards. She highlighted some of the changes and encouraged courts to reach out for assistance in implementing any new practices. Justice Bell asked if there were further questions or comments; there were none and this section was closed.

### Health-Risk Prevention & Harm Reduction

Ms. Gouveia shared two reports from NPC: Health-Risk Prevention & Harm Reduction in Treatment Courts National Survey; and Nevada Survey Responses. Sixteen specialty court programs responded from Nevada and Ms. Gouveia encouraged coordinators to reach out if they need assistance with reporting. Justice Bell asked if there were further questions or comments; there were none and this section was closed.

### Recent Successes & Challenges

Chair Bell asked for any successes and challenges to share. Courts shared experiences from the last quarter.

### Next Meeting

The next Committee meetings are scheduled for:

Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12pm

Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12pm

### Public Comment

Justice Bell asked if there was any public comment. There was none and the section was closed.

### Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.