

Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

May 24, 2024

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 Kathleen Drakulich
Chief Judge Kevin Higgins
Chief Judge Lynne Jones
Alicia Lerud
Judge Mason Simons
Judge Randall Soderquist
Katherine Stocks
Judge Dawn Throne
Judge Natalie Tyrrell
Chief Judge Jerry Wiese

AOC Staff

Almeda Harper
Zaide Martinez
John McCormick

Guests

Alicia Davis
Jessica Gurley
Justice Doug Herndon
Justice Patricia Lee

Absent

Associate Chief Justice Stiglich (Vice-Chair)
Judge Kelly Giordani
Steven Grierson
Judge Shelly O'Neill
Judge John Schlegelmilch
Judge Gloria Sturman

Absent Excused

Judge Eileen Herrington
Judge Victor Miller

- I. Call to Order
 - Chief Justice Cadish called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
 - Ms. Harper called roll; a quorum was present.
- II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Summary
 - The meeting summary from February 2, 2024, was unanimously approved.
- III. Business and Action Items
 - Family Subcommittee Implementation Plan
 - Ms. Davis and Justice Lee provided details regarding the Implementation Plan, for more information please see the provided meeting materials.
 - Judge Bulla requested an overview of what the group would be approving and what would be implemented.
 - Ms. Davis explained that the plan includes a judicial committee addressing informal domestic relations trials and complex divorce cases and a staff training plan. Also included in the plan are efforts to improve domestic violence capacity and data capacity state-wide.
 - Ms. Stocks commented that the workgroup is a subcommittee of the JCSN and is asking for the support of the JCSN to allow the workgroup to proceed.
 - Judge Bulla offered a motion to approve; the Implementation Plan was unanimously approved.

IV. Reports of Standing Committees

- Court Administration Committee
 - Ms. Stocks reported that the committee convened the Court Staff Continuous Learning Workgroup which administered a survey to all court staff across the state requesting training needs. The workgroup will provide a report and training plan to the Committee during the upcoming meeting on June 10th. Additional funding will be requested to administer two regional training courses per year. The plan includes working with NACCA and other training entities throughout the state. The Committee will submit the workgroup's learning plan for approval during the next JCSN meeting.
 - Justice Cadish suggested incorporating training on legal advice vs. legal information, to which Ms. Stocks assured her the topic had been incorporated into the program.
- Court Improvement Program
 - Ms. Martinez was happy to inform attendees that the Children's Bureau met with CIP judicial and legal stakeholders on May 23rd to discuss agency and courtroom collaboration. The discussions were well-received and productive. The Child and Family Services Review will be conducted in 2025 and will include the entire state.
- Legislative Committee
 - Mr. McCormick informed attendees that the next meeting will be held on June 3rd at 3:00 p.m. The Committee continues to solidify the 10 bill drafts the Supreme Court will submit for the next Legislative Session. They are due on or before September 1, 2024.
- Specialty Court Funding Committee
 - Mr. McCormick referred attendees to the report provided in the materials.

V. Report of Regional Council Meetings

- Clark Regional Judicial Council
 - Chief Judge Wiese commented that the majority of the meeting was spent discussing how to increase attendance at regional meetings. He referred attendees to the report provided in the materials for further information.
- North Central Regional Judicial Council
 - Judge Simons shared the meeting in February was well attended. During the meeting, members were given a tour of the new juvenile transitional living facility at the Humbolt Detention Center.
- Washoe Regional Judicial Council
 - Chief Judge Jones referred attendees to the report provided in the materials.
 - Chief Judge Higgins reported that Sparks Justice Court had 100% attendance at the last regional meeting.

VI. Future Meetings

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

VII. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.