

Supreme Court of Nevada
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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MEETING SUMMARY

Organization: **COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION**

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 at 10:00am

Venue: Zoom Meeting

Commissioners Present

Chair, Chief Justice Lidia Stiglich
Vice-Chair Gregory Kamer Esq.
Ms. Donna Bath
Ms. Justina Caviglia Esq.
Mr. Andrew Diss
Mr. Jeffrey Gilbert

Guests Present

Commission Staff Present
Ms. Margarita Bautista

Commissioner(s) Excused

Mr. Joel Locke Esq.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Stiglich called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
Sec'y Stocks took roll, and a quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from March 30th, 2023*

Chair Stiglich asked commissioners for any edits.

Com'r Gilbert made a motion to approve the draft minutes from March 30th, 2023 without amendment.

Vice Chair Kamer seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Approval of Commission Rules*

Chair Stiglich thanked Vice Chair Kamer and Com'r Gilbert for taking the lead on the rules updates and asked for the key changes made to the rules.

Com'r Gilbert provided comments on the work done by himself and Vice Chair Kamer. He stated no further changes were needed from his perspective other than those proposed by Com'r Locke via email.

Vice Chair Kamer noted the time and energy that went into creating the rules and stated his appreciation for the flexibility available within the existing rules. He noted that only a few minor changes were made. He clarified the changes allow for a basis of when to have interviews.

Chair Stiglich opened the floor for discussion adding that Com'r Locke had proposed edits via email including two grammatical edits and one language change. The Chair read Com'r Locke's proposed addition to Rule 5.C.iii "unless the Commission otherwise determines due to an additional judicial vacancy in that District during the process."

Com'r Bath thanked both Vice Chair Kamer and Com'r Gilbert for their work. She asked if the changes proposed by Com'r Locke would accommodate the situation of multiple applicants to multiple judicial vacancies.

Vice Chair Kamer responded that based on his interpretation of Com'r Locke's edits, it did address the issue of multiple applicants to multiple judicial vacancies.

Com'r Bath responded she would be amicable to accepting the proposed changes.

Chair Stiglich asked Com'r Bath of her thoughts on the proposed language.

Com'r Bath stated she would defer to the thoughts of the group on the amendment being more clear and specific.

Chair Stiglich asked for other discussion.

Com'r Gilbert stated he would leave interpretation to the attorneys, specifically Vice Chair Kamer.

Vice Chair Kamer stated that he preferred ambiguity in the rules because it gives Com'rs the opportunity to follow the rules and to make needed changes in the future as the situation arises.

Vice Chair Kamer also stated he accepted the proposed changes sent in by Com'r Locke and would second the motion with the proposed amendments by Com'r Locke.

Proposed amendments sent in by Com'r Locke are as follows:

1. Rule 3 sec D sub i: Language added to the effect that notes shall be kept confidential
2. Rule 3 sec E sub iii: Commas added after session and commission.
3. Rule 5 sec C sub iii: "...nomination process. Unless the Commission otherwise determines due to an additional judicial vacancy in that District during the process."

Chair Stiglich asked the Commission how negative results and reference letters should be handled and how to properly inform candidates.

Vice Chair Kamer referred to Rule 3, section C and stated the rules were left with ambiguity and for commissioners to decide what to do depending on the situation.

Chair Stiglich proposed adding language to the effect that once a commissioner is no longer on the commission those notes shall be destroyed.

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Com'r Diss brought forth the issue of how some commissioners are appointed during different vacancies and if notes are destroyed, they would not be available in the future.

Chair Stiglich proposed adding language to the effect that notes shall be kept confidential by both past and present commissioners.

Com'r Gilbert made a motion to approve the rules with the proposed edits sent in by Com'r Locke as well as those discussed during the meeting.

Vice Chair Kamer seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Business

No other business.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:22am.