

**Judicial Merit System Commission
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
General Session Meeting Minutes**

The Judicial Merit System Commission met on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, for its regularly scheduled quarterly open meeting. The meeting was conducted by GoToMeeting video conference with all attendees joining virtually, including Commissioners Roger Geddes, Stephen Burg, Lauren Eiler and Yvonne Hunter. Apologies were received from Chair Craig Waugh.

I. Meeting Convened

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. with the following Commissioners in attendance: Commissioners Roger Geddes (Acting Chair), Stephen Burg, Lauren Eiler, and Yvonne Hunter. Also in attendance were Jennifer Fish, Secretary to the Commission; Nichole Fleshman, Human Resources Manager and Maria Washburn, Human Resources Associate.

II. Approval of the Minutes

There were no comments on the minutes of the December 7, 2021 Quarterly Meeting General and Executive Sessions.

Motion: Commissioner Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 General and Executive Sessions Meeting.

Commissioner Burg seconded the motion. Acting Chair Geddes, Commissioner Burg, and Commissioner Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed with none opposed and one abstention by Commissioner Eiler who was not in attendance at the December 7, 2021 meeting.

There were no comments on the minutes of the January 31, 2022 Special Session Meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Eiler moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2022 Special Session Meeting.

Commissioner Burg seconded the motion. Acting Chair Geddes, Commissioner Burg, and Commissioner Eiler voted in favor. The motion passed with none opposed and one abstention by Commissioner Hunter who was not in attendance at the January 31, 2022 meeting.

III. Appeals for Notification of Status

There were no appeals to report.

IV. Proposed Changes: Judicial Merit Systems Rules and Resolutions

Secretary Fish reported that the documents approved at the January 31, 2022 Special Session were presented to and discussed with the Presiding Judge and the three appointing authorities. She also reported she obtained Commissioner Waugh's approval to include the summary in the package to the Presiding Judge and that Commissioner Waugh did not exercise his authority to veto.

Secretary Fish advised that the proposed Judicial Merit Systems Resolution and Rules were still being reviewed, but at the time of meeting, the Presiding Judge did not express concerns with most of the recommendations and revisions. She advised that she has yet to receive final approval from the Presiding Judge but anticipates hearing back from him in time for the next meeting.

The Presiding Judge's appreciation for the work put in by the Commission over the last several years was conveyed by Secretary Fish.

V. Executive Session

No motion was made to enter executive session.

VI. Call to the Public

A call to the public was made by Acting Chair Geddes. No response to the call was received.

VII. Proposed 2022 JMC Meeting Schedule

The following meeting dates and times were proposed:

- Tuesday, June 7, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 6, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Commission accepted the proposed meeting dates and times as presented.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Secretary Fish advised that she was not aware of any pending notice of charges that could result in an appeal, but there will be an update at the next quarterly meeting on the proposed changes to the Judicial Merit Systems Resolution and Rules.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Hunter moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Eiler seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously with none opposed and no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.