

**Judicial Merit System Commission
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
General Session Meeting Minutes**

The Judicial Merit System Commission met on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, for its regularly scheduled quarterly open meeting. The meeting was conducted by GoToMeeting video conference with all attendees joining virtually.

I. Meeting Convened

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners in attendance: Commissioners Craig Waugh (Chair), Stephen Burg, Lauren Eiler, Roger Geddes, and Yvonne Hunter. Also in attendance were Jennifer Fish, Secretary to the Commission, Nicole Fleshman, Human Resources Manager, and Maria Washburn, Human Resources Associate.

II. Approval of the Minutes

There were no comments on the minutes of the March 1, 2022 Quarterly Meeting General Session.

Motion: Commissioner Geddes moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 General Session Meeting.

Commissioner Eiler seconded the motion. Commissioners Burg, Eiler, Geddes, and Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed with none opposed and one abstention by Commissioner Waugh who was not in attendance at the March 1, 2022 meeting.

III. Executive Session

IV. Appeal Pending Decision

Motion: Chairman Waugh moved that, with respect to Mr. Jones' appeal, the Commission enter a decision that the disciplinary action against the appellant was appropriate in this case, was not arbitrary and was not taken without reasonable cause; and that the Judicial Merit Commission adopt the findings and conclusions, and the recommendation of Hearing Officer such that the appeal is denied and the disciplinary action is sustained.

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

V. Status Update

Secretary Fish conveyed the Presiding Judge's gratitude for the time and energy spent by the Commission on the proposed revisions and edits. She reported that they were in the process of getting the Presiding Judge to sign an administrative order to adopt the revisions to the Judicial Merit System's Rules, effective July 1, 2022.

She advised the majority of the Commission's recommendations were accepted, however, there were some slight modifications to two areas of the Commission's recommendations, such as modification to the investigative and notice of charges process. A brief overview of the modifications was provided.

Secretary Fish also committed to sharing a document comparing the Commission's recommendations with the modifications that were made by the Presiding Judge.

Secretary Fish advised that an implementation and communication plan was being developed to communicate changes to the workforce, commissioners, contracted hearing officers and the Attorney General's office.

VI. Call to the Public

A call to the public was made by Chairman Waugh. No response to the call was received.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Chairman Waugh requested that the implementation and communication plan for the Rules be presented for the Commission's review at the next meeting.

Secretary Fish advised that there were several pending Notice of Charges and ongoing investigations that may be included on the agenda of a future meeting for notification.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Waugh 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 2:28 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.