

ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Request for Council Action

**Date Action
Requested:**

June 19, 2017

**Type of Action
Requested:**

Formal Action/Request

Information Only

Other

Subject:

Approval of Minutes

FROM:

Lorraine Smith, Staff to the Arizona Judicial Council

DISCUSSION:

The minutes from the March 23, 2017, meeting of the Arizona Judicial Council are attached for your review.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Approve the minutes as written.

ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

State Courts Building
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 119
Phoenix, AZ 85007

March 23, 2017

Draft Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present:

Chief Justice Scott Bales
Judge Janet Barton
Ken Bennett
Judge Michael Brown
Judge Kyle Bryson
David Byers
Judge Rachel Torres Carrillo
Judge Louis F. Dominguez
Hon. Garye Vasquez *proxy for*
Judge Peter Eckerstrom
Victor Flores
Judge Charles Gurtler
Athia Hardt

Mike Hellon
Michael Jeanes
Jack Jewett
Gary Krcmarik
Judge Dorothy Little
Lisa Loo
Judge Michael Bluff *proxy for*
Judge David Mackey
R. Tony Penn
Judge Antonio Riojas, Jr.
Judge Monica Stauffer
Lisa Urias
George Weisz

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Staff Present:

Jennifer Albright
Theresa Barrett
Mike Baumstark
Catherine Clarich
Susan Hunt
Kevin Kluge
Jerry Landau
Amy Love

Mark Meltzer
Alicia Moffatt
Heather Murphy
Marcus Reinkensmeyer
Lorraine Smith
Cindy Trimble
Mark Wilson
David Withey

Presenters and Guests Present:

Cathleen Cole
David Irons
Martin Lynch

Vice Chief Justice John Pelander
Dr. Kevin Ruegg
Hon. Randall Warner

Chief Justice Scott Bales, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed the attendees. He noted that Ms. Lea Marquez-Peterson, President/CEO of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, was recently appointed to the Council as a public member and will attend her first meeting in June.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair called for any corrections to the minutes from the Council's December 15, 2016, meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016, meeting of the Arizona Judicial Council, as written. The motion was seconded and passed. AJC 2017-01.

Coconino County Superior Court's Virtual Resource Center Demo

Mr. Gary Krcmarik shared highlights of the Virtual Resource Center in Coconino County. He noted that Coconino County also has a physical site.

Dr. Kevin Ruegg and Ms. Cathleen Cole, Arizona Bar Foundation for Legal Services and Education, presented a demo on the *AZCourtHelp.org* website that was recently launched to offer basic assistance to people of all walks of life who have legal questions or need assistance in resolving disputes in court.

Discussion took place on ways to inform the public. It was suggested that staff print information cards and place them in jury assembly rooms statewide. Mr. Tony Penn offered to help disseminate information via the United Way and other social service agencies.

Defensive Driving Overview/Issues

Mr. Mark Wilson, Director of the Certification and Licensing Division for the AOC, presented information on issues regarding growth in the number of schools, a decrease in the number of tickets issued, owners with multiple schools, availability of online schools, and rotation of the school names on the *AZCourts.gov* website.

Mr. Dave Byers stated the issues will continue to be studied and will be brought back to the Council at the June meeting.

Judicial Branch Budget Update

Mr. Kevin Kluge, Chief Financial Officer and Director of the Administrative Services for the AOC, presented information on the FY 2018 Legislative Budget Request, proposed Joint Legislative Budget Committee's baseline budget, Governor's budget, and additional FY 2018 budget issues impacting the courts.

Judicial Branch Legislative Update

Mr. Jerry Landau, Director, and Ms. Amy Love, Deputy Director, Government Affairs for the AOC, presented an update on the status of the budget, Fair Justice and court security bills, and the following bills impacting the courts:

HB2220: electronic files; access; official record
HB2237: forcible entry; detainer; prohibited rules
HB2295: attorney regulation; assessments; membership dues
HB2515: governor appointees; criminal records checks
SB1072: administrative decisions; scope of review
SB1148: electronic documents; signatures; wills; trusts

Filing Fee Increase – Pending Passage of Court Security Fund Legislation

Mr. Marcus Reinkensmeyer, Director of the Court Services Division of the AOC, spoke on SB1161 that would create a court security fund to assist with training and one-time outlays for court security equipment if the legislation passes. He asked for the Council's approval of the 2% filing fee increase.

Judge Janet Barton stated her opposition to the funding mechanism that would be predominantly funded from Maricopa County residents.

MOTION: To approve the 2% filing fee increase in Superior and Justice Courts to fund court security enhancements contingent upon passage of SB1161. The motion was seconded and passed (one opposed). AJC 2017-02.

Court Assistance Program (CAP) Update

Mr. Marcus Reinkensmeyer provided an overview of the Compliance Assistance Programs (CAP) in the Glendale Municipal Court, Phoenix Municipal Court, Tucson Municipal Court, and Yuma County. He noted that CAP allows courts to establish programs to encourage individuals to pay their outstanding fines, set up a payment plan, and clean up their legal problems.

Mr. Byers stated that AOC staff will review the results of the existing CAP programs and provide guidelines (best practices) that would be useful to other courts in setting up a similar program.

Call to the Public

Mr. Martin Lynch provided public comment on a legislative issue.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. AJC 2017-03.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.