

COMMISSION ON APPELLATE COURT APPOINTMENTS

MINUTES

February 10, 2020

PRESENT: Chief Justice Robert Brutinel, Chair; Laura Ciscomani; Buchanan Davis; Bill Gresser; Tracy Munsil; Jerry Nabours; Jonathan Paton; Benjamin Reeves; Phil Townsend and Linley Wilson

ABSENT: Matthew Contorelli; Kathryn Townsend and Larry Suciu

Chief Justice Robert Brutinel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. to screen applications for a vacancy on Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals created by the resignation of Judge Diane Johnsen. He welcomed the public present the Commission members.

Public Comment

Chief Justice Brutinel called for comment from the public on the applicants. He reminded the speakers that they are limited to three minutes per candidate and asked them not to repeat comments by previous speakers about the same candidate.

Ronald Hergert spoke on behalf of Michael Kielsky.
Andrea Cummings spoke on behalf of Dan Kiley.
Lauren Stine spoke on behalf of Michael Catlett.
Ameer Maheri spoke on behalf of Joseph Mikitish.
George Foster spoke on behalf of Christopher Coury.
John Ager spoke on behalf of Joshua Rogers.

Approval of Minutes

Chief Justice Brutinel asked if any member wished to submit changes or additions to the draft minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting. It was moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Phil Townsend asked if the Commission would agree to reopen the application period to see if more political diversity could be added to the current list. He mentioned that while the current list provided qualified candidates, it would limit their final nominations to only three candidates. He made a motion to extend the application period. The motion was seconded and after some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

The new application deadline was extended to February 21st and the Commission would screen on February 25th as previously scheduled.

Chief Justice Brutinel provided two new dates for potential interview dates and the Commission agreed to hold the interviews meeting on March 12th.

At 1:54 p.m., it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.