

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES

10:00AM – 12:00PM – October 20, 2017
Office of Court Administration

I. Call to Order

Justice Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

JCIT Voting Members:

Chair, Justice Rebecca Simmons
Vice-Chair, Bob Wessels
David Escamilla
Honorable Dan Hinde
Roland Johnson (*phone*)
Cynthia Orr (*phone*)
Honorable Brian Quinn (*phone*)
Todd Smith
Dean Stanzione (*phone*)
Dennis Van Metre (*phone*)
Honorable John Warren (*phone*)
Ed Wells (*phone*)
Honorable Sheri Woodfin

JCIT Liaison Members:

Honorable David Canales (*phone*)
Randy Chapman
Honorable Judy Crawford (*phone*)
Honorable Annie Elliott
Honorable Roy Ferguson (*phone*)
Laura Garcia
Doug Gowin (*phone*)
Honorable Blake Hawthorne
Gary Hutton (*phone*)
Honorable Velva Price (*phone*)
Honorable Nancy Rister (*phone*)
Mark Unger (*phone*)

Others in attendance:

Armando Ballderama, iDocket
Travis Banks, Bexar County (*phone*)
Mark Combs, Harris County
Terry Derrick, Tyler Technologies
Amanda Flack, Tyler Technologies

Honorable Sharena Gilliland, District Clerk, Parker County (*phone*)
Charles Gray, Conference of Urban Counties (*phone*)
Jeanine Hudson, Department of Public Safety (*phone*)
Cathy Horvath, Guadalupe County
Elaine Hosage, Travis County
Warda Kahn, FileNServeExpress (*phone*)
Jeff Karotkin, OneLegal (*phone*)
Michael S. Lang, TDI (*phone*)
Laurelea Lindquist, Tyler Technologies (*phone*)
Rod Napier, Office of Attorney General (*phone*)
Jeff Nicholson, Travis County (*phone*)
Dallas Osborn, Netdata
Laura Richard, Fort Bend County (*phone*)
Cary Roberts
Steve Schenk, ProDoc
James Sibley (*phone*)
Debbie Symms, Office of Attorney General
Holly Webb, Tarrant County (*phone*)
Honorable Caroline Woodburn, District Clerk, Potter County (*phone*)

Office of Court Administration Staff:

Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services
Susan Chamberlain, Deputy Director, Information Services
Amanda Stites, Research and Court Services
Becky Taylor, Project Manager, Information Services
Anissa Wagner, Legal (*phone*)

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approved the April 28, 2017 and August 29, 2017 meeting minutes as amended by Chief Justice Quinn, seconded by David Escamilla. *Motion carries.*

III. Committee/Workgroup Reports

A. eFileTexas Update

Laurelea Lindquist gave an update on the eFiling System. The group discussed the availability of eFiling despite Hurricane Harvey and at that other states had to suspend their eFiling system. She also reported that all courts that are scheduled for the January 1st mandate are on track.

Ms. Lindquist spoke about Guide and File and that 21 additional interviews have been added. She reported that they're working with the law libraries in Denton and Collin county to expand the use.

Mr. Kennedy spoke to the need to standardize which codes the resulting PDFs are filed under. Ms. Lindquist reported that several jurisdictions have been turned off from Guide and File because it didn't contain local forms. Justice Simmons asked that Ms. Lindquist report on what jurisdictions are requiring local forms.

Ms. Lindquist brought up the issue that the group putting forward guide and file forms is running into the barrier of some forms requiring notarization. The group agreed that work may need to be done to change some documents to an affirmation rather than a notarization.

Ms. Lindquist then spoke about MODRIA, Tyler's new application that is being integrated that deals with online dispute resolution.

Sheri Woodfin raised the issue that criminal probation folks are filing in paper. Justice Simmons asked a small group (Bob Wessels, Sherri Woodfin, David Escamilla, Cynthia Orr) to look at possible changes that can be made to require probation items to be filed electronically.

B. Standards Committee

Mr. Wessels presented JCIT with the updated Technology Standards original discussed in the August meeting. David Escamilla pointed out that "Subpoena/Summons" was not available for the District/County criminal courts and needed to be added.

Motion to adopt version 4.5 of the Technology Standards as amended made by Bob Wessels, seconded by Sheri Woodfin. *Motion carries.*

C. Re:SearchTX Committee

Terry Derrick gave the update on Re:SearchTX. He reviewed the current timeline and reported that the project is generally on schedule. He also reported that to date, they have less participation than desired from non-Tyler CMS providers.

Mr. Derrick reported that work is continuing on integrating the system with all case management systems and that Collin County is the first county that will come up as integrated. As of now, as of January 1st, all counties will be on the repository model. He also reported that there is some level of effort when counties integrate to make sure that the CMS can communicate properly. Sherri Woodfin also commented that configuration and process changes may need to be made by clerks as well.

The group talked again about some of the issues that need to be addressed prior to opening access to the general public.

Velva Price asked about Pro Se litigants having access to Re:SearchTX. Mr. Derrick reported that Pro Se's will not have access on January 1st. Access will only be granted to clerks and attorney of records on January 1st.

Mr. Derrick also spoke about future developments for 2018 on Re:SearchTX. He also mentioned that he and David Slayton will be presenting a webinar for clerks on how Re:SearchTX will work. The session will be recorded for future viewing.

IV. Open Discussion

- Judge Hinde asked about resiliency of the Judicial Branch systems considering the recent power incident at OCA. Mr. Kennedy explained what had happened and what has been done to prevent it from happening again. Mr. Kennedy also spoke to how Tyler systems failover and how it is tested.
- Judge Hinde raised the issue with a new law requiring documents to be filed redacted with no original files. This causes problems in downstream systems due to missing information.
- Justice Simmons discussed the need and made assignments to the eFiling Uniformity Committee – Judge Hinde, Sherri Woodfin, Tracy Hopper, Annie Elliott, Gary Hutton, Roland Johnson, Mark Unger, Todd Smith)
- Justice Simmons reminded the group that the ReSearchTX committee may also start to meet to continue to discuss the remaining issues with Re:SearchTX

Justice Simmons adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.