



TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

June 30, 2023

10:00 AM

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

On June 30, 2023, Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht called the meeting¹ of the Texas Judicial Council ("Council") to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

The following members of the Council were present:

Hon. Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
Hon. Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
Hon. Jennifer Caughey, Jackson Walker LLP, Houston
Ms. Sonia Clayton, Virtual Intelligence Providers, LLC, Houston
Mr. Jon Gimble, District Clerk, McLennan County, Waco
Hon. Claudia Laird, Judge, County Court at Law No. 2, Montgomery County
Hon. Missy Medary, Judge, 347th District Court, Corpus Christi; Presiding Judge – 5th Region
Hon. Emily Miskel, Judge, 470th District Court, McKinney
Hon. Valencia Nash, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Place 2, Dallas County
Hon. Kathleen Person, Judge, City of Temple Municipal Court, Temple
Hon. Reggie Smith, State Representative, Sherman
Hon. Edward J. Spillane, III, Presiding Judge, City of College Station
Hon. Ken Wise, Justice, 14th Court of Appeals, Houston
Hon. Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, Laredo

Members not in attendance were *Ms. Zina Bash, Mr. Kevin Bryant, Sen. Brandon Creighton, Judge Bill Gravell, Rep. Jeff Leach, Ms. Rachel Racz, and Judge Maggie Sawyer.*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The February 24, 2023, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

¹ The meeting may be viewed on the Office of Court Administration YouTube site at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TexasCourtAdmin/>.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Texas Indigent Defense Commission Report

Mr. Scott Ehlers, Interim Executive Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, presented on the TIDC Report.

Child Protection Indigent Defense Expenditure Report

Crystal Leff-Pinon, Senior Policy Analyst, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, presented on the Child Protection Indigent Defense Expenditure Report and gave an update and overview of the program. Motion to adopt the report was made and the report was adopted.

Centers of Excellence

Mr. Michael Smith, Management Analyst, Research and Court Services Division, OCA, presented on the Centers of Excellence. He presented the two courts, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 of Rockwall County and Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 of Waller County. Motion to adopt and approve the designation. The designation was adopted and approved.

Legislative Update

Mr. Louis Tomasetti, Director of Government Relations, Office of Court Administration, presented a legislative update on the 88th Legislative Session and bills as they relate to the Council's recommendations and resolutions, as well as judiciary budget highlights.

Case Level Data Discussion

Angela Garcia, Chief Data Office, Office of Court Administration, gave an overview of case level data elements and the draft model to include in the case level data project. Motion to create a stakeholder working group for case level data elements was made and approved.

Generative AI for Courts

Mr. Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services, Office of Court Administration, presented on generative artificial intelligence and how it relates to the judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

NEXT MEETING – TBD

Adjourn – 11:57 AM



Hon. Nathan L. Hecht
Chair