

**Judicial Merit Commission – Regular Quarterly Meeting
Tang Conference Room, Law Library, Third Floor
101 West Jefferson, East Court Building
Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

General Session Meeting Minutes

The Judicial Merit Commission met on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, for its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. The meeting was conducted in the Tang Conference Room located at 101 W. Jefferson Street, East Court Building, Law Library, 3rd Floor.

I. Meeting Convened

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Commissioners Craig Waugh (Chairman), Logan Young, Anna Baca, and Judith Clinton.

Also in attendance were Danna Quinn, Secretary to the Commission, Jamie Ahler, Employee Relations Administrator, and Billie Berry, Human Resources Associate.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Waugh called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2 December 2014 Quarterly General Session, and 29 January 2015 Special Session.

Motion: Commissioner Baca moved to approve the minutes of the 2 December 2014 Quarterly General Session, and the 29 January 2015 Special Session, as amended.

Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion.

The minutes of the 2 December 2014 Quarterly General Session, and the 29 January 2015 Special Session were approved with 3 in favor, and 1 abstention.

III. Appeals Pending Notification of Status

No appeals pending notification of status.

IV. Appeals Pending Hearing/Decision

No appeals pending hearing or decision.

V. Outside Counsel Listing

1. Decision on Selection of Counsel to the Commission

Secretary Quinn reported the Court received confirmation from the Attorney General's Office that Scot Claus of Dickinson Wright has been retained to continue legal representation for the Commission effective January 1, 2015. The Attorney General's Office also provided a list of Outside Contractors for 2015 with whom the Court has contracted to transact business.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Commission wished to consider presentations from other law firms or to continue with current counsel, Dickinson Wright.

The Commission unanimously agreed by consensus to continue with current counsel, Dickinson Wright, as long as Scot Claus remains as lead attorney and the primary contact to represent the Commission's needs. The Commission requested this item be placed on the future agenda and staff confirm that Scot Claus will continue as primary attorney responsible to represent the Commission.

VI. New Member Recruitment

Secretary Quinn reported she has engaged in discussion with Presiding Judge Norman Davis regarding the recruitment for a new member on the Commission. She stated it is expected that an appointment will be made prior to the end of Commissioner Thomas Davis's term on June 30, 2015.

VII. Executive Session

The Commission held no Executive Session.

VIII. Call to the Public

No one responded to the call to the public.

IX. Future Agenda Items

1. Confirmation that Scot Claus of Dickinson Wright will continue as primary counsel to the Commission.
2. New Member Recruitment

X. Meeting Adjournment

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Young moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion, and the Commission approved it unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie J. Berry
Staff to the Commission

For

Danna M. Quinn
Secretary to the Commission

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m. in the Tang Conference Room