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TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 28, 2019, 1:15 PM

COMMISSIONERS
Judge Thomas Boyd, Chair
Judge James M. Alexander
Judge Michelle Appel
Michael Bosanac
Eric R. DeLong
Todd A. Drysdale
Judge Shauna Dunnings

COMMISSIONERS
Judge Beth Ann Gibson
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Richard B. Poling
Thomas C. Rombach
Shannon Schlegel
Valerie Ann Thornburg
Patrick J. Williams

State Treasurers' Board Room
1st Floor, Richard H. Austin Building
430 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48922

Commission Members Present:

Judge James M. Alexander, Judge Michelle Appel, Judge Thomas Boyd, Michael Bosanac, Eric R. DeLong, Todd A. Drysdale, Milton L. Mack, Richard Poling, Thomas C. Rombach, Shannon Schlegel, and Valerie Ann Thornburg

Judge Beth Ann Gibson participated by conference calling

Commission Members Absent:

Judge Shauna Dunnings and Patrick Williams. Absences were previously excused by the Chair.

I. Call to Order

Chair Tom Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was presented, and a motion was made by Richard Poling to approve the Agenda. The motion was supported by Jim Alexander. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment

Members of the public were invited to address the Commission at this meeting. Chris Becker, Kent County Prosecutor, was in attendance. He contributed valuable information throughout the public meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rich Poling to approve the Minutes from the meeting of February 28, 2018, as presented. The motion was supported by Shannon Schlegel. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

V. Welcome and Chair's Report

Chair Boyd discussed the Commission's current budget balance. He discussed the current status of the Commission's accomplishments, and that a confluence of current timing is at hand due to the Cunningham case. He said the Commission's path is slightly different than other states and other cases. Chair Boyd said, "Our work is more important than we ever imagined." He is confident in reaching the Commission's final goal in spite of expediting research and developing conclusive recommendations.

VI. Presentations

Discussions continued regarding the upcoming report. PSC Jim Durian and Scott Dzurka reported about continued work on the Roadmap and surveys they have conducted. They continue to implement quality control procedures to ensure high-quality data.

They requested feedback from Commissioners no later than March 7. Their work will continue with ongoing information and they will compile and share everything with Commissions by March 13. Writing Workgroups will meet on March 15, and PSC will make final changes and provide that information to respective Writing Workgroup members by March 18. The finished report should be available by the March 28 public meeting.

Mike Bosanac suggested utilizing the Google Docs in order to facilitate group comments and input. Chair Boyd and PSC described how each Writing Workgroup will focus on its own topic, but that does not preclude any Commissioner from providing input on another topic.

Tom Rombach spoke to the Commissioners about the State Bar of Michigan's 21st Century Practice Task Force Report. During his term as State Bar President, Tom assembled a task force of 32 lawyer and judicial leaders who spent a year evaluating the future of the legal profession and the justice system. With the help of three committees and over 150 volunteers from across the legal landscape, the task force identified five key problems: a dysfunctional legal marketplace; significant issues for new and experienced lawyers; inefficient and overly complex legal processes; regulatory hurdles; and cultural resistance to change. The report outlined a detailed plan to address each of the problems, including a vision statement, basic elements, first steps and key innovations. Chair Boyd said that page three of the Commission's current draft report captures relevant concepts from the task force report.

Milt Mack spoke to the Commissioners about a matrix entitled, "2017 Court Equity Fund Funding Sources." He discussed non-unified courts vs uniformed courts and made a comparison to models in Minnesota. The matrix included financial breakdowns in the Court Equity Fund, State Court Fund, Justice System Fun, Civil Filing Fee Fund, Court Fee Fund, and Judges' Retirement System. The Commissioners were provided with a copy of this matrix.

VII. Old Business

None reported or discussed.

VIII. New Business

PSC Jim Durian and Scott Dzurka met with the Commission's two separate Workgroups this morning, Thursday, February 28, 2019. The Workgroups discussed different sections of the Roadmap striving for simplistic and concise information, further adding language regarding the Cameron case. Commissioners voiced concerns on how the

report could impact local funding units of government. Commissioners further discussed the final report considering additional information to include and changes to make.

IX. Commissioners Good and Welfare

None reported or discussed.

X. Adjournment

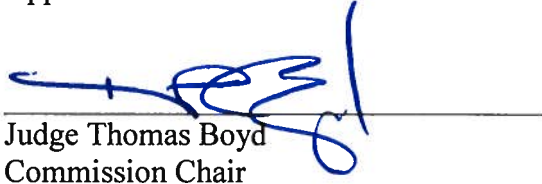
The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM. The next meeting is March 15, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the State Treasurers' Board Room, 1st Floor, Austin Building, Lansing, Michigan 48922.

Respectively Submitted,



Wendy Lamphier
Assistant to the Commission

Approval of Minutes:



Judge Thomas Boyd
Commission Chair

3-15-19

Date