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**TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**January 17, 2019, 1:15 PM**

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

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  
Milton L. Mack  
Richard B. Poling  
Thomas C. Rombach  
Shannon Schlegel  
Valerie Ann Thornburg  
Patrick J. Williams

**Commission Members Present:**

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

**Commission Members Absent:**

Judge Michelle Appel, Judge Shauna Dunnings, and Patrick Williams. All absences were previously excused by the Chair.

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Tom Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:21 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 Shannon Schlegel. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

**III. Public Comment**

Members of the public were invited to address the Commission at this meeting. Jeff Getting of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan was in attendance and spoke to the Commission about court funding. He provided in depth insight and discussed historical practices in the court system in Michigan. He answered several questions from Commissioners.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Valerie Thornburg to approve the Minutes from the meeting of October 25, 2018, as presented. The motion was supported by Michael Bosanac. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

**V. Welcome and Chair's Report**

Chair Boyd discussed the Commission's current budget balance. He said that Public Sector Consultants (PSC) will work with the Commission until the research, advisory, and reporting services under Public Act 65 of 2017, the Trial Court Funding Act, is complete. He spoke about possibly needing additional funds to further compensate PSC for their ongoing work. Mike Bosanac suggested reallocating funds as needed to remain within the appropriated budget.

Chair Boyd reminded the Commissioners of an email he previously sent out with links to electronic information he thought would interest the Commissioners. He referred to an article from The New York Times Magazine. He noted that several principles are similar to Michigan, such as bail and online fees. Chair Boyd highlighted several sections of the document and compared statements to Michigan examples.

**VI. Presentations**

Discussions continued regarding the final report. A motion was made by Jim Alexander to consider combining items five and six. The motion was supported by Tom Rombach. The motion was unanimously approved.

**VII. Old Business**

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 on any changes necessary to the Roadmap. All Commissioners were comfortable with the current version and progress.

**VIII. New Business**

PSC Jim Durian and Scott Dzurka met with the Commission's two separate Workgroups this morning, Thursday, January 17, 2019. The Workgroups had both general and specific discussions. They discussed a chart showing how complex the current funding system is. They discussed different sections of the Roadmap striving for simplistic and concise information, further adding that graphics would be added and some recommendations would be combined. Commissioners further discussed the final report considering additional information to include.

One recommendation is anticipated to include a temporary transition type of commission the help with initial phase-in on recommended changes that will be listed in the final report. The State Court Administrative Office would remain a primary entity for support.

A motion was made by Beth Gibson to re-visit the PowerPoint presentation that Mike Bosanac previously sent out for Commissions to review and provided feedback. The motion was supported by Shannon Schlegel. The motion was unanimously approved. The Commission welcomes as much input as possible.

Commissioners discussed meeting one half-day in February, and an all-day meeting on February 28, 2019, with separate workgroup meetings in the morning and holding the public meeting in the afternoon.

**IX. Commissioners Good and Welfare**

Chair Boyd acknowledged and thanked ongoing work provided by Jim Durian and Scott Dzurka of Public Sector Consultants, and Wendy Lamphier of the Michigan Department of Treasury.

**X. Adjournment**

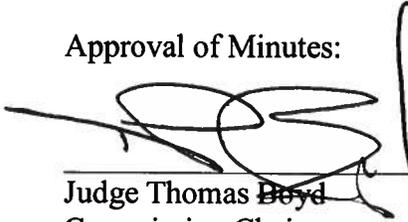
A motion was made by Pat Williams to adjourn the meeting. The motion was supported by Milt Mack. The adjournment was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM. The next meeting is February 28, 2019 at 1:15 PM in the State Treasurers' Board Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Austin Building, Lansing, Michigan 48922.

Respectively Submitted,



Wendy Lampher  
Assistant to the Commission

Approval of Minutes:



Judge Thomas Boyd  
Commission Chair

2-28-19

Date