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TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION
MINUTES

March 15, 2019, 1:15 PM

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, Judge Shauna Dunnings, Judge Beth Ann Gibson, Milton L. Mack, Richard Poling, Thomas C. Rombach, Valerie Ann Thornburg, and Patrick Williams.

Commission Members Absent:

The absence of Shannon Schlegel was previously excused by the Chair.

I. Call to Order

Chair Tom Boyd called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.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. Jeff Getting was in attendance in the afternoon. He contributed valuable information to the Commissioners.

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 Val Thornburg. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

V. Welcome and Chair's Report

Chair Boyd discussed the Commission's current budget balance. He presented a Contract Change Notice that would allow transferring \$30,000 surplus funds to add to the contract with Public Service Consultants to allow for additional services. This transfer of funds was discussed at the prior public meeting. A motion was made by Val Thornburg to approve the Contract Change Notice, as presented. The motion was supported by Mike Bosanac. The Contract Change Notice was unanimously approved.

Chair Boyd described the schedule for the day because the meeting is expected to end by 4:30 PM. He is planning on comprehensive participation to achieve clarity and comfort amongst Commissioners while working toward a report. It's a worthy goal to include information that all Commissioners will agree on. Jim Alexander asked about the projected costs the Commission would incur to produce the report. Further discussion resulted in determining that the Cameron case may have an affect on the report. Upon the outcome of the case, it might be necessary to re-shape the report. Mike Bosanac talked about making the report clear and to the point – with powerful and short statements.

VI. Presentations

PSC Jim Durian and Scott Dzurka started discussions by electronically displaying the draft report on large screens in the room. The plan was to refine all five recommendations in detail, to include specifics, and define terms. The Commission went through the draft report, page by page, and made refinements to all recommendations. This activity took approximately two hours. Commissioners were previously assigned to five separate writing groups. Each group was assigned to a recommendation and each group hosted further discussion with the Commission, as follows:

- Recommendation #1 – Boyd, Delong & Williams
- Recommendation #2 – Dunnings, Mack & Rombach
- Recommendation #3 – Alexander, Drysdale & Poling
- Recommendation #4 – Gibson & Thornburg
- Recommendation #5 – Appel, Bosanac & Schlegel

PSC then went around the meeting table, Commissioner by Commissioner, asking if members had any issues with the additional refinements or any issues with any language that was currently displayed.

Chair Boyd recessed the meeting at 12:10 PM requesting that the Commission reconvene at 1:30 PM today. Commissioners then divided into five separate writing groups in five separate rooms with the understanding that each group would return to the meeting with refined language and ideas with the topics assigned to them for the Commission to consider after the recess.

VII. Old Business

None reported or discussed.

VIII. New Business

The meeting reconvened at 1:49 PM. Each group described their respective assignment after meeting in five separate writing groups. PSC pulled all changes together and requested feedback from every Commissioner – with each Commissioner indicating approval, reservation, or disapproval with refined information presented on each recommendation.

General discussions took place and Chair Boyd discussed the Commission possibly producing an interim report as opposed to a final report. This would allow the Commission to refine its report, if necessary, after the Cameron case opinion is released. A motion was made by Rich Poling to produce an interim report and make sure that language does not change by editors employed by PSC and authorize Chair Boyd to work with Commissioners he selects to assist the editors. The motion was supported by Pat Williams. The Motion was unanimously approved.

IX. Commissioners Good and Welfare

None reported or discussed.

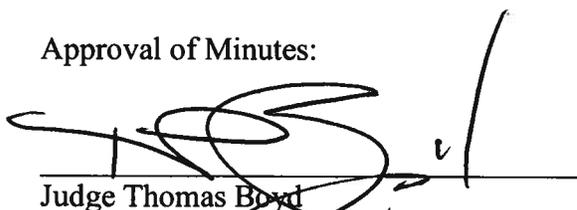
X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM. The next meeting is March 28, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Vault Conference Room, 1st Floor, Austin Building, Lansing, Michigan 48922.

Respectively Submitted,


Wendy Lamphier
Assistant to the Commission

Approval of Minutes:


Judge Thomas Boyd
Commission Chair

3.28.19
Date