

MINUTES

Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (COCOLJ)

Helena, MT

June 21, 2019

Members Present: Hon. Perry Miller, Hon. Steve Fagenstrom, Hon. Holly Frederickson, Hon. Steve Bolstad, Peggy Tonon, Hon. Kelly Mantooth, Charlie Harball, and Hon. Jim Rice.

Members Participating Via Telephone or Video: MaryAnn Ries, Hon. Jessie Connolly, and Hon. Heidi Ulbricht.

Members Absent: Tina Reinicke and Peter Ohman

Staff Present: Shauna Ryan

Guests: None

Judge Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on April 22, 2019, were reviewed. Peggy Tonon moved that the minutes be approved. Judge Bolstad seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring 2019 Conference – Survey Monkey Results

The comments were mostly positive. The judges enjoyed the break-outs by court (Justice, City, Municipal) and would like them at every conference. There continues to be frustration about certain judges talking and being disruptive during class. Commission members will attempt to address the situations individually at conference.

Curriculum for Fall 2019 Conference – Draft Agenda

The Commission drafted an agenda for the fall conference in Kalispell. Shauna Ryan will contact presenters and give an update at the August meeting.

Request for Waiver of Training for Spring 2019 Conference

Hon. Penny McPherson, Hon. Rebecca McEuen, Hon. Randy Melton, and Hon. Lauri Cary: Peggy Tonon moved to approve the waiver committee's recommendations. Judge Frederickson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be August 16, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in Helena.

May 23, 2022