

ORIGINAL

MONTANA SUPREME COURT PUBLIC MEETING

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Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 1:00 PM
Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building
215 North Sanders, Helena
Supreme Court Conference Room, 4th Floor

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Ed Smith
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Chief Justice McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. In attendance were the Chief Justice and Justices Baker, Gustafson, McKinnon, Rice, and Sandefur.

Also in attendance were: Paul Kirgis, Dean of Alexander Blewett III School of Law and Vicki Dettman and Kristin Bannigan, Supreme Court Law Clerks.

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from June 12, 2018 Public Meeting

- The Justices unanimously approved the minutes from the previous public meeting.

Item 2: AF 11-0244, In re Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana Regarding Fees for Law School Faculty

- Dean Kirgis proposed reformed rules for Montana bar admission fees for law faculty to incentivize bar membership.
- Justice Baker discussed details of the only comment on the petition, including whether the law school would pay the fees as part of compensation packages for new faculty, whether license-holders could practice for fees, and acknowledged that it is important for faculty members to be part of the Montana Bar Association.
- Dean Kirgis explained that bar fees should be paid by the law school upon employment at the law school for full-time faculty (not adjunct) to receive a limited license that cannot be used under practice for remuneration.
- Justice Rice moved to grant the petition as filed, Justice Sandefur seconded.
- Justice Baker moved to adopt the language as written in the petition, and Chief Justice McGrath indicated that the format must be changed for formatting purposes.
- The Court unanimously voted in favor of Dean Kirgis's petition, effective September 1, 2018.

Item 3: AF 06-0112, Appointment to the Criminal Jury Instructions Commission

- Chief Justice McGrath recommended Tammy Hinderman, Assistant Attorney General, be reappointed as Chair of the Criminal Jury Instructions Commission. There were no objections.
- The Court unanimously reappointed Hinderman as Commission Chair.

Item 4: AF 11-0765, Appointments to the Access to Justice Commission

- Justice Baker recommended four members be retained to the Access to Justice Commission, which consists of eighteen members appointed for staggered three-year terms. The four members included: Ed Bartlett, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Paul Kirgis, Dean of the Alexander Blewett III School of Law, Melanie Reynolds, Lewis & Clark Public Health Director, and Justice Baker.
- Justice Baker presented three members to replace Eighth Judicial District Judge Greg Pinski, Matthew Dale, former Director of the Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services; and Charlie Rehbein of the Montana Office on Aging. The proposed replacements included Eighth Judicial District Judge John Kutzman, Katy Lovell, Legal Services Developer for the Department of Health and Human Services, and Deputy Attorney General Melissa Schlichting.
- The Court unanimously approved the retention of the four current Commission members and appointment of the three new Commission members.

Chief Justice McGrath adjourned the meeting at 1:13 PM.

Duly Submitted,

Hannah Wilson

Law Clerk