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MONTANA SUPREME COURT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building

215 N. Sanders, Helena

4th Floor Attorney's Lounge

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Chief Justice McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. In attendance were the Chief Justice and Justices Baker, Gustafson, McKinnon, Rice, Sandefur, and Shea.

Also in attendance were Jeanine Blaner, Supreme Court Staff Attorney, and Elizabeth Webster, Supreme Court Law Clerk.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes from November 30, 2021, Public Meeting

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

Item 2: Appointments to the Commission on Practice

- The Chief Justice noted that the Commission on Practice is composed of elected attorney and appointed non-attorney members and that attorney-member elections are currently ongoing and expected to conclude in late March. The Chief Justice further noted that Patricia DeVries, a non-attorney member of the Commission, has resigned.
- The Justices voted unanimously to appoint non-attorney Troy McGee to replace Ms. DeVries.

Item 3: Appointments to the Commission on Continuing Legal Education

- The Chief Justice noted that the terms of Darcy Crum, Steven Howard, and Mary Moe recently expired and that each wished to continue Commission service.
- The Justices voted unanimously to reappoint the aforementioned individuals to the Commission on Continuing Legal Education.

Item 4: Appointments to the Commission on Technology

- The Chief Justice noted that the terms of Peg Allison, the Honorable Audrey Barger, Representative Kenneth Holmlund, the Honorable Larry Carver, P. Mars Scott, and the Honorable Randal Spaulding recently expired, and that the term of John Mudd will expire in April 2022.

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- The Justices voted unanimously to reappoint Peg Allison, the Honorable Audrey Barger, Representative Kenneth Holmlund, P. Mars Scott, the Honorable Randal Spaulding, and John Mudd to the Commission on Technology, and to appoint the Honorable Stacey Nerison to replace the Honorable Larry Carver.

Item 5: Appointments to the Access to Justice Commission

- Justice Baker noted that Paul F. Kirgis has resigned his position on the Access to Justice Commission as the representative for the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana.
- The Justices voted unanimously to appoint Monte Mills as the law school's representative for the remainder of the term.

Item 6: Appointments to the Commission on Character and Fitness

- The Chief Justice noted that Commission member Barbara Bell has resigned.
- The Justices voted unanimously to appoint Samuel J. King to replace Ms. Bell.

Item 7: Appointments to the Pretrial Supervision Advisory Committee

- The Chief Justice noted that the terms of the Honorable Ingrid Gustafson, the Honorable Alex Beal, Representative Barry Usher, County Attorney Scott Twito, Sherriff Leo Dutton, the Honorable Mike Salvagni (retired), the Honorable Michael Moses, Senator Ryan Lynch, and Executive Director Rhonda Schaffer recently expired.
- The Justices voted unanimously to reappoint the aforementioned individuals to the Pretrial Supervision Advisory Committee. Judge Salvagni will serve as Chair.

Item 8: Appointments to the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee

- The Chief Justice noted that the terms of the Honorable Luke Berger, the Honorable Jessica Fehr, the Honorable Michael Hayworth, Melissa Broch, Andrew King-Ries, and Chad Wright have expired.
- The Chief Justice further noted that Judge Berger indicated he did not wish to seek reappointment, and that Judge Hayworth indicated an interest in appointment to Chair.
- The Justices voted unanimously to reappoint the Honorable Jessica Fehr, the Honorable Michael Hayworth, Melissa Broch, Andrew King-Ries, and Chad Wright to the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee, and to appoint the Honorable Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz to replace Judge Berger. Judge Hayworth will serve as Chair.

There was no public comment on any matter.

The Court expressed its gratitude to all departing commission and committee members for their service and welcomed all incoming appointments.