

## **MONTANA SUPREME COURT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 1:15 p.m.

Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building

215 N. Sanders, Helena

4<sup>th</sup> Floor Attorney's Lounge

Chief Justice McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. In attendance were the Chief Justice and Justices Baker, Gustafson, Sandefur, and Shea.

Also in attendance were Jeanine Blaner, Supreme Court Staff Attorney, Kevin Cook, Electronic Services Coordinator, Samuel Doxzon, Supreme Court Law Clerk, and Katherine Pauly, Supreme Court Law Clerk.

### **Item 1: Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2022, Public Meeting**

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

### **Item 2: Appointment to the Board of Bar Examiners**

- Justice Baker moved to approve John M. Kauffman to serve on the Board of Bar Examiners. Justice Shea seconded her motion. Chief Justice McGrath discussed the importance of the role and recognized the effort and time associated with being on the Board. Chief Justice McGrath thanked John M. Kauffman for his willingness to serve, and he also thanked Michael P. Sand for his years of service. Justices Baker, Sandefur, and Shea discussed the general process for grading the Bar Examination as well as the time and training required of the members of the Board.
- The Justices voted unanimously to appoint John M. Kauffman to the Board of Bar Examiners, noting that Justice Rice would have an opportunity to vote later in the afternoon.

There was no public comment on any matter.

Chief Justice McGrath adjourned the meeting at 1:17 pm.

Submitted by Samuel Doxzon, Law Clerk, and Katherine Pauly, Law Clerk, on January 10, 2023.