

MONTANA SUPREME COURT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 28, 2023, 1:15 p.m.

Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building

215 North Sanders, Helena

Attorney's Lounge, 4th Floor

Chief Justice McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m. In attendance were the Chief Justice and Justices McKinnon, Baker, Shea, Sandefur, and Gustafson.

Also in attendance were Beth McLaughlin, Montana Court Administrator; Jeanine Blaner, Supreme Court Staff Attorney; Kevin Cook, Electronic Services Coordinator; McKenna Ford, Supreme Court Law Clerk; and Anne Lewis, Supreme Court Law Clerk.

Item One: Approval of the Minutes from the February 14, 2023 Public Meeting

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

Item Two: Appointment to the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

- The Chief Justice noted that Scott Twito has retired his position as the County Attorney member on the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.
- The Justices voted unanimously to appoint Jeanne Torske as the County Attorney member of the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.

Item Three: Judicial Branch Budget Proposals

- The Chief Justice McGrath introduced the matter.
- Court Administrator Beth McLaughlin discussed HB 13 and noted the bill contains a one-time bonus for staff after it goes into effect.
- McLaughlin recommended mirroring HB 13, so the bonus goes to all employees except short-term employees. Further, McLaughlin recommended it go into effect on April 7th, 2023—the end of the pay period.
- The Justices voted unanimously to adopt the proposal subject to the Governor's signature on HB 13.

Public Comment

- None.

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