

MONTANA SUPREME COURT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 1:15 p.m.

**Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building
215 North Sanders, Helena
Attorney's Lounge, 4th Floor**

Justice Baker called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. In attendance were Justices Baker, Shea, and Rice. Justices Sandefur and Gustafson attended via Zoom. Also present were Bowen Greenwood, Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court; Jeanine Blaner, Supreme Court Staff Attorney; Kathleen Androlewicz, Electronic Services Coordinator; and Erica Thomas, Monte Cole, and Blake Phillips, Law Clerks of the Montana Supreme Court.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes from July 2, 2024, Public Meeting

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

Item 2: Appointments to the Commission on Continuing Legal Education

- Justice Baker introduced the matter. The terms of three members (Darcy Crum, Steven Howard, and Mary Moe) on the Commission of Continuing Legal Education will expire on September 30, 2024. The State Bar submitted names for replacements and all have agreed to serve. The proposed new attorney members are Janette Krutzfeldt Jones from Miles City and James Zadick from Great Falls, and the proposed new lay member is Peg Allison from Kalispell.
- Justice Baker thanked the former members for their service.
- Justice Shea moved for approval of the appointments, Justice Rice seconded the motion, and the present Justices unanimously approved the appointments. Justice Baker noted that Chief Justice McGrath approved the proposed order as well.

Item 3: Appointments to the Access to Justice Commission

- Justice Baker introduced the matter, noting that six members' terms on the Access to Justice Commission will expire on September 30, 2024, and all have agreed to renew their terms. The members are Ed Bartlett, Professor Kekek Stark, District Judge John Kutzman, Olivia Riutta, Jacob Griffith, and Justice Beth Baker.
- Justice Shea moved to reappoint all six members for a three-year term, Justice Rice seconded the motion, and the present Justices unanimously approved the reappointments.

Public Comment:

- None

Justice Baker adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Submitted by: Erica Thomas and Monte Cole on September 10, 2024.