

SOUTH DAKOTA COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 4 p.m.

Members Present

- Betsy Doyle
- Dean Neil Fulton
- Heather Lammers Bogard
- Judge Rank
- Judge Long
- Dick Travis

Guests

- Greg Sattizahn
- Chris Miles

Call to Order

Dean Fulton opened the meeting at 4pm and established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Motion: A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Judge Rank and seconded by Judge Long. The motion carried.

Unified Judicial System Update

Mr. Greg Sattizahn updated on the UJS workgroup addressing indigent defense, focusing on indigency determination and advisement of rights. Surveys are gathering judicial input on current practices, potential rule changes, and standardized guidance for a bench book. A best practices document on the advisements of rights is expected by summer, with rules hearings likely in August or November if rule changes are needed.

Dean Fulton asked about the commission's role in this process. Mr. Sattizahn said the intention is that the UJS will propose them through the Supreme Court's rule making process but will share them with the commission in advance.

Update on Case Handling

Chris Miles provided updates on case handling, reporting that they have now been officially appointed for two cases. Paralegal interviews are scheduled for this week. Mr. Miles has also met with Judge Gusinsky and Eric Whitcher in Pennington County. He addressed the protocols that have been drafted and welcomes input.

Dean Neil Fulton emphasized keeping the judiciary informed and emphasized the message that support is coming, even if it is not immediate.

Legislative Update

Dean Neil Fulton shared that there were no new updates affecting indigent defense. The budget process is progressing and he does not anticipate direct impacts on the Commission's work.

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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Judge Rank made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Judge Long. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm