
 <b>WASHINGTON COURTS</b>	<b>Gender and Justice Commission</b> <b>January 6, 2023</b> <b>9:30 AM – 12:00 PM</b> <b>Zoom Videoconference</b>	 <b>GENDER AND JUSTICE COMMISSION</b> <small>GENDER EQUALITY IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM</small>
<b>MEETING NOTES</b>		

**Members & Liaisons Present**

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud  
 Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown  
 Quinn Dalan  
 Commissioner Jonathan Lack  
 Riddhi Mukhopadhyay  
 Professor Lynn Daggett  
 Jill Bader  
 Jane Smith  
 Victoria Blumhorst  
 Shannon Kilpatrick  
 David Reynolds  
 Judge Rebecca Glasgow  
 Jennifer Ritchie  
 Barbara Serrano  
 Professor Dana Raigrodski  
 Madison Brown  
 Elizabeth Hendren  
 CJ Gonzalez  
 Lillian Hawkins  
 Chief Judge Cindy Smith

**AOC Staff**

Crissy Anderson  
 Kelley Amburgey-Richardson  
 Dr. Arina Gertseva  
 Avery Miller

**Members & Liaisons Absent**

Dua Abudiab  
 Judge Anita Crawford-Willis  
 Kelly Harris  
 Julia Davis  
 Rhea Bhatia

**Guests**

Dr. Carl McCurley  
 Mishani Jack-Gonzalez  
 Kayley Carillo

**WELCOME AND INITIAL BUSINESS****Welcome and Introductions**

- The meeting is called to order at 10:30 AM.
- The Commission members welcomed guests and members introduced themselves. The Commission extends a welcome to Kayley Carillo, who discusses the Family Courthouse

Advisory Committee which is looking to reinvigorate it's work. Commissioner Jonathan Lack volunteers.

- Judge Shea-Brown is replacing Judge Paja as a Co-Chair of the Commission. Justice Gordon McCloud recognizes Judge Paja's hard work on behalf of the Commission and announces some tokens of appreciation from the Commission.

### **November Meeting Minutes**

- The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

## **COMMITTEE AND PROJECT UPDATES**

**LAW STUDENT LIAISON UPDATES** – Jill Bader (Gonzaga), Zoe Saccio (Lewis and Clark), Madison Brown (University of Washington)

- Jill Bader reports that Gonzaga students are working on finalizing the Amicus Brief mentioned at the last meeting, as well as putting on a networking speed dating event in the spring. They will send around the invitation to the Commission and WA Women Lawyers.
- Zoe Saccio states there haven't been any meetings since before finals, and that they are working on hosting social events. The quarter begins on Monday.
- Madison Brown from UW says they are also working on finalizing the brief and partnering with other student organizations on campus to host a DEI panel on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**INCARCERATION COMMITTEE**— Elizabeth Hendren

- Elizabeth Hendren is working on court access issues that are familiar for incarcerated women as well as on implementation of several of the 2021 Study Recommendations. They are trying to get a follow up meeting with the Department of Corrections (DOC) from the initial meeting in the fall, as well as tracking the legislative session. A challenge with DOC is there are several different divisions they are trying to work with (ie, re-entry, diversion, legal issues, etc.) and things remain compartmentalized.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**— Judge Glasgow

- The main work for the committee is the proposal for Judicial Conferences for CJE, including Superior Court, District and Municipal, Appellate Court conferences are all coming up. Both conferences are doing firearm relinquishment training session. For appellate conferences, there is a session focusing on post- Dobbs issues.
- There is a big shift going on for the Fall Conference. Justice Whitener has implemented changes to have a standing spot for all the Commissions, which means there is now a

presumption that the Commission's session will go forward. Judge Glasgow suggests the Commission put forward more than one proposal, in case there are extra slots.

- There is a quick turnaround this year, and the Committee will turn in proposals on January 20<sup>th</sup> with a national speaker on substance use and coercion in domestic violence.
- Judge Bender and Commissioner Lack are presenting on new conditions and guidelines concerning gender identity and pronouns in the courtroom.
- Elizabeth Hendren presenting on court access issues, more training on sexual abuse to prison pipeline and Stefanie Covington around the issues of complex trauma on women in prison.
- There are a variety of judicial education recommendations in the study, the Committee is strategizing on how to put them forward and get draft proposals ready.
- The Committee is also looking at co-sponsoring with the other Commissions, including Interpreter and Language Access Commission and the Minority and Justice Commission.

#### **DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COMMITTEE— Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown**

- The Committee has been working on updated chapters of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Bench Guides. These updates will be published before judicial college, and want to acknowledge the members who worked on that, especially Laura Jones.
- Commissioner Terri Farmer is leading Civil Protection Order forums on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month for judicial officers, including one relating to service issues and one relating to firearms.
- The committee working on choosing a co-chair.

#### **TRIBAL AND STATE COURT CONSORTIUM— Chief Judge Cindy Smith**

- The consortium has sent out it's first quarterly newsletter on updates for it's activities.

#### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE— Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown**

- The Legislative Committee will meet weekly to discuss the legislative session.
- Justice Gordon McCloud met one on one with legislators regarding the 2021 Study Recommendations and Judge Shea-Brown to the Senate Law and Justice Committee.
- The Commission has been asked to testify regarding the Jury Diversity proposal, which continues the study looking at barriers to jury service, including childcare, pay and better data collection. Dr. Dana Raigrodski volunteers to testify.

**IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE— Barbara Serrano**

- This was a very busy committee this year, with weekly meetings on reviewing every aspect within the 2021 Study and it's findings and recommendations. Crissy has been putting together a written year end report, list all the outreach meetings and presentations.
- The committee has been taking a break since November. Now that Dr. Raigrodski is co-chair, the committee will be talking about how to move forward from here. They are hoping to create a subgroup on data collection.
- The Committee is also very interested in jury diversity.
- If any Commission member is interested in getting involved, please reach out.

**LIAISONS**

- Jane Smith from the Access to Justice Board has no major updates.
- The Washington Women's Lawyers liaison, Dua Abudiab, is not present.
- The Board of Judicial Administration is putting forward the Jury Diversity proposal as part of it's package. Their Policy and Planning Committee is also looking at the issue of harassment in the courts.
- Justice Gordon McCloud raises the issue of having a liaison to the Minority and Justice Commission. Judge Bonnie Glenn volunteers
- Justice Gordon McCloud raises the issue of the Disability Justice Task Force, which the commission was asked to support at the previous meeting. The Commission voices support for the concept, but isn't looking at the specifics of the funding request with a fine-tooth comb.
- Dr. Arina Gertseva from Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR) reports that the recommendation from Chapter 9 of the study regarding Juvenile Justice and Race to study and report on the status of the Kitsap Girls Court is nearly finished. The final evaluation of the program will be published soon and includes blueprints for implementation of the program in other jurisdictions.

**AOC Staff Update— Kelley Amburgey-Richardson**

- The Minority and Justice Commission is hosting NCREP (the National Conference on Racial Equity and Fairness) in May in Seattle. They will be putting out a request for proposals to highlight local efforts, and staff will ensure that the Commission receives that RFP.

**ADJORNMENT**

## **Announcements**

- Staff have heard back from members regarding meeting format, but there is no update yet on AOC's Seatac offices for in-person meetings, but several people voiced support for it.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.**

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