



**Washington State Minority and Justice Commission
(WSMJC)**

Friday, December 2 , 2016

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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MEETING NOTES

Commission Members Present

- Justice Charles Johnson, Co-Chair
- Justice Mary Yu, Co-Chair
- Justice Debra Stephens
- Judge Veronica Alicea-Galvan
- Judge Lisa Atkinson (Online)
- Prof. Lori Bannai
- Mr. Jeffrey Beaver
- Ms. Anne Benson
- Ms. Diana Bob
- Prof. Robert Boruchowitz (Online)
- Mr. Steve Clem
- Judge Linda Coburn
- Sgt. Adrian Diaz
- Mr. Mike Diaz
- Judge Lisa Dickinson
- Judge Theresa Doyle (Online)
- Prof. Jason Gillmer
- Judge. Bonnie Glenn
- Mr. Uriel Iñiguez
- Ms. Anne Lee
- Ms. Kim Morrison
- Ms. Karen Murray
- Ms. P. Diane Schneider
- Judge Lori Smith
- Mr. Travis Stearns
- Judge Kimberly Walden
- Judge Dennis Yule, Ret.

Guests

- Ms. Jaime Hawk
- Ms. Breanne Schuster

Student Liaisons Present

- Ms. Renee Ambacher
- Ms. Kidane Astor
- Ms. Sara Erickson
- Ms. Camille M. McDorman
- Ms. Sarah Freeburg
- Mr. Peter Alexander Gale
- Mr. Jamison Nichols
- Ms. Katherine Sanburn
- Ms. Maia Crawford-Bernick
- Ms. Jodilyn Gilleland

AOC Staff Present

- Ms. Cynthia Delostrinos
- Ms. Nichole Kloepfer
- Ms. Carolyn Cole

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting minutes from the September 23, 2016, meeting were approved as amended.

Justice Yu noted that the breakout sessions from the ATJ/Commissions joint meeting that was held in the morning went well and there was great discussion. Holding meetings in the community has many advantages. Judge Alicea-Galvan noted in order for us to serve better, we have to continue to be open to those conversations. There is language and fear that has resulted from the current political climate. Ms. Cynthia Delostrinos will continue to think about future areas of collaborations for the Commissions and the ATJ Board.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Welcome New Staff – Carolyn Cole

Carolyn Cole is a recent graduate of NYU School of Law, where she focused her studies on civil rights law and criminal justice policy. She has worked on matters related to mass incarceration and police abuse as a clinical student at the New York Civil Liberties Union and Brennan Center for Justice. In addition, she has interned with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Educational Opportunities Project and the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division in their Special Litigation Section. Prior to law school, Carolyn was a Co-Coordinator for the Detroit Scholarship Fund, which guarantees a tuition-free path to any Detroit high school senior. She also spent two years teaching fifth grade literacy in Southeast D.C. through the Teach for American program. Before teaching, Carolyn served as a Legislative Aide in Colorado. She graduated from Emory University in 2009 with a B.A. in Sociology and International Studies.

Commission Membership

Justice Yu discussed the duties of Commission members and shared that some members' terms are ending in 2016. Members that have been asked to renew their membership: Judge Lisa Dickinson, Judge Bonnie Glenn, Judge LeRoy McCullough, Justice Debra Stephens, Ms. Karen Murray, Mr. Mike Diaz, Judge Lisa Atkinson, Ms. Anne Benson, Mr. Jeffery Beaver, and Judge Dennis Yule.

Welcome New Members – Kim Morrison and Diana Bob

The Commission welcomes Ms. Kim Morrison as the new Commission liaison for the Washington State Association of County Clerks, and Ms. Diana Bob as our new Minority Bar Association representative.

Kim Morrison: <http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/clerk>

Diana Bob: <https://www.stoel.com/dbob>

Appointment Committee

As some members' terms are ending, the Commission has a great opportunity to recruit community representatives. Justice Yu requested an Appointment Committee be formed to assist with the new appointments. The Appointment Committee is tasked with recruiting members to join the Commission in 2017.

Justice Yu gave background on how the governance of the Commission worked. Co-Chairs make recommendations to the Chief Justice and the Chief Justice makes the appointments. She would like to see a change in the way members are recruited and potentially include trial judges or others to increase diversity in perspectives.

Appointment Committee will include: Judge Lisa Dickinson, Ms. Annie Benson, Sergeant Adrian Diaz, Ms. P. Diane Schneider, Ms. Karen Murray, Justice Debra Stephens, Mr. Jeffrey Beaver, and Judge Lisa Atkinson.

2017 Supreme Court Symposium: Wednesday, May 24, 2017

The Supreme Court Symposium topic this year is Jury Diversity. Judge Rosen has given a great presentation of the survey project and the symposium would be great place for him to present the data and outcome.

Justice Yu asked for volunteers to assist with the logistics and planning of the event.

The Symposium Committee will include: Judge Steve Rosen, Ms. Anita Khandelwal, Mr. David Morales, Professor Peter Collins, Judge Linda Coburn, Judge Theresa Doyle, Professor Jason Gillmer, Judge Lori Smith, Ms. Angeline Thomas, and Ms. Jamie Hawk. The initial meeting is to be held by mid-January and it will be in person. Subsequent meetings will be by phone.

LFO Stakeholders Consortium

Justice Yu shared that the stakeholders group that will be convened to carry out the objectives of the DOJ Price of Justice Grant that MJC received will be rolling out in January 2017.

STAFF REPORT

Staff Report – Carolyn Cole & Cynthia Delostrinos

Ms. Cynthia Delostrinos stated that the budget is presented at every meeting for transparency. The budget is included in the meeting materials.

Upcoming Youth and Justice Forum – Spokane (Dec. 9)

December 9, 2016, is the next Youth and Justice Forum in Spokane. It will be held at Spokane Falls Community College. Students will participate in hypothetical legal scenarios, learn about their rights, and learn about careers in the legal field.

Carolyn has started a monthly newsletter that will support the creation of a pipeline for diverse youth in the legal field. If interested in submitting content, please email Carolyn at Carolyn.cole@courts.wa.gov.

Volunteers for the Spokane Youth and Justice Forum include: Mr. Mike Diaz, Ms. Diane Schneider, Ms. Carolyn Cole, Ms. Cynthia Delostrinos, Judge Leroy McCullough, and Professor Gillmer. MJC will reimburse travel costs. Professor Gillmer asked if he had a particular job assignment. Advised to contact Eric Roth to see what is needed.

2016 Shout-Outs

Ms. Carolyn Cole noted the achievements for the following Commission members:

- Justice Mary Yu was awarded the 2016 National Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)
http://www.napaba.org/?page=2016_trailblazers
<http://nwasianweekly.com/2016/11/national-trailblazer-award-goes-to-justice-mary-yu/>
- Judge Doyle was awarded the 2016 Judge of the Year Award from the Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ)
<https://www.washingtonjustice.org/index.cfm?pg=Awards>
- Ms. Anne Benson, Mr. Mike Diaz, Judge Linda Coburn, Judge Lisa Dickinson and Ms. Diane Schneider are the members that have perfect attendance at MJC meetings.

LAW STUDENT LIAISONS

Law Student Liaisons

Project Proposals (Gonzaga, UW, SU)

Justice Yu reminded the Commission that it will vote to determine whether funding for the proposals presented by the liaisons is approved.

Gonzaga liaisons presented plans to host a “Careers in Law Panel” on April 10-13 in Spokane high schools. Overall, Commission liked the idea, but would like more information about how they plan to reach their target audience.

Result: Vote to approve funding for Gonzaga project was deferred until the next meeting. Would like the liaisons to develop their proposal more and bring it back for consideration at the next meeting. Justice Stephens, Judge Coburn and Judge Dickinson volunteered to help support.

UW liaisons presented plans to host a “Know Your Rights Workshop” for local high school students and a Race Equity Training at 1L Orientation at UW School of Law. Some members were concerned about the content of the workshop and had questions about law students being qualified to lead a rights workshop. Wanted the UW liaisons to be more strategic about the content and connect with highly qualified trainers.

Result: General support, but deferred vote to approve funding until the next meeting on the Know Your Rights Workshop. Commission voted to approve funding for the Race Equity Training (\$400).

SU liaisons presented plans to host a criminal justice speaker series. The series will cover the school-to-prison pipeline, prosecutorial discretion, and jury bias/selection. Liaisons presented a detailed budget and Commission members felt they had adequate support at their school to host the events.

Result: Commission unanimously voted to fund the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Committee – Ms. Annie Lee

1. Surveyed committee members to identify workgroup priorities. The committee would like to do a deeper dive of transformative initiatives by identifying 4-5 transformative strategies and exploring the data to see if it can make recommendations for best practices.
2. Ms. Cynthia Delostrinos presented that MJC will co-sponsor a session of a juvenile justice education series with the Equity in Education Coalition of Washington in 2018.

Justice Mary Yu and Justice Charles Johnson received an email from the Council on Public Defense requesting feedback on their proposed juvenile defense standards (pages 14-45 of the packet). There is discussion about the role of juvenile defenders to address systemic issues. Ms. Anne Lee is seeing if an extension can be given for the Juvenile Justice Committee to provide feedback. Would like Commission members involved in drafting the guidelines to provide an update at the next meeting.

Education Committee – Justice Debra Stephens

Justice Stephens reported that the Commission has programs at Judicial College, SCJA and DMCJA conferences, and the Appellate Conference.

Judicial College:

- Emerging through Bias session with Judge Alicea Galvan and Judge Montoya-Lewis

Appellate Conference:

- Full 3 hour program that will include a mock Batson hearing
- Presenters include Bob Chang, Professor Anna Roberts, Judge Trickey, and Judge Leach. Professor Roberts will explore ER 609 (prior convictions for impeachment purposes).

DMCJA Conference:

- Judge Van Wormer and Dr. Carly McCurley will give a 30 minute discussion about risk needs assessment tools. Judge Logan has agreed discuss ASRA tool. Incarceration alternatives will be explored, followed by a Q&A. Judge Van Wormer is faculty to make the smooth transition. Bail reform handout will be available.

SCJA Conference:

This year's sessions will build on themes presented last year at the SCJA Conference. Sessions will explore juror bias and high profile trials in the 21st century. Will have a session with Ron Davis, father of Jordan Davis, to screen his movie 3 ½ minutes: 10 Bullets with a discussion to follow. Another session will be led by Professor Butler to discuss the impact of race and policing.

At the joint meeting, members expressed in interest in co-sponsoring a poverty simulation with the other Commissions and the ATJ Board. Carolyn will reach out to other Commission and ATJ Board to see if there is interest in moving forward.

Workforce Diversity Committee – Judge Bonnie Glenn

With the recent passing of Justice Charles C.Z. Smith, MJC passed a resolution to recognize his contributions. Would like to format it nicely and present to his family at his memorial service at the Temple of Justice in June 2017. The Committee would like to possibly propose the renaming of the WSBA Diversity Award to the Justice C.Z. Smith Award or establish some sort of joint award for WSBA and MJC. Other ideas include a rotating award with the law schools.

The Judges of Color Directory survey that was sent last fall had 69 respondents. A follow-up email will be sent to respondents asking for photos.

Outreach Committee – Judge Dennis Yule

Judge Lisa Dickinson reported that the committee would like to:

- Determine attendance trends over the last couple of years to select alternative venues to SeaTac to reach more communities. Will draft outline of locations to present for February 2017 MJCOM meeting.
- Reach out to key stakeholders and members after collecting enough information on past retreat/new member orientation experience to see if another one is viable.
- Start process of printing C.Z. Smith Posters, update website for additional information and clarification, create documentation to provide plan for future artwork solicitations.

Addressing Current Immigration Issues

Ms. Anne Benson touched on the need to understand what will happen to sanctuary cities under the new federal administration. Would like to identify key government actors to review and amplify model policy that King County developed that bans ICE agents from being allowed to make arrests in the courtroom. Justice Yu supports exploring how we can provide courts guidance on this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- 2017 Commission proposed meeting schedule; 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; locations TBD, dates are as follows: February 27, 2017, April 7, 2017, June 30, 2017, September 22, 2017, December 1, 2017.
- Next meeting will be on February 27, 2017. AOC SeaTac Conference Room confirmed as the location.