

JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

February 28, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Online Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Members Present:

Justice Barbara A. Madsen, Chair
Judge Valerie Boufflou
Ms. Mindy Breiner
Mr. Joseph Brusic
Mr. Derek Byrne
Mr. Donald Graham
Ms. Stephanie Kraft
Mr. Frank Maiocco
Judge David Mann
Chief Brad Moericke
Judge Robert Olson
Ms. Heidi Percy
Ms. Paulette Revoir
Ms. Dawn Marie Rubio

Members Absent:

Judge John Hart, Vice-Chair
Mr. Frankie Peters
Judge Allyson Zipp

AOC Staff Present:

Mr. Scott Ahlf
Mr. Kevin Ammons
Ms. Kenzie Amos
Mr. Robert Anteau
Ms. Brittanie Collinsworth
Mr. Kevin Cottingham
Ms. Vonnice Diseth
Mr. Rob Eby
Mr. Arsenio Escudero
Ms. Brittany Gregory
Mr. Jamie Kambich
Ms. Eunyong Kim
Mr. Bijal Karia
Mr. Dexter Mejia
Ms. Anya Prozora
Mr. Chris Stanley
Mr. Garret Tanner
Mr. James Wells
Ms. Tae Yoon

Guests Present:

Judge Corrina Harn
Mr. Allen Mills
Mr. Terry Price

Call to Order & Approval of Meeting Minutes

Justice Barbara Madsen called the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. This meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Justice Madsen asked if there were any changes or additions to be made to the December 6, 2024 meeting minutes. Hearing none, the meeting minutes were approved as written.

JIS Budget Update

Mr. Chris Stanley gave a JIS budget briefing. The governor recently announced his proposal to the Legislature for \$4 billion in cuts in an effort to mitigate the budget deficit. Included in those cuts are furloughs (one day a month for two years) for Executive branch employees. Mr. Stanley noted that this is just a proposal, and the Legislature can choose to accept it or disregard it. It has, however, raised concern; there have also been questions about the viability of the AOC's IT decision packages. At this point, he does not see any problems with the IT packages. The greatest concern right now is keeping the work that we are doing, most of which falls under the non-IT categories (supporting trial courts and continuing program operations). The next revenue forecast is due March 18th, and the chambers are projected to release their proposed budgets in late March. Mr. Stanley also mentioned that the 2026 supplemental cycle will begin in a few months.

Legislative Update

Ms. Brittany Gregory gave a brief update on the ongoing 2025 Legislative session, and highlighted request legislation that has an impact on the judicial branch, including: requests for additional Superior Court judicial positions, court interpreter statutory revisions, caregiving as a mitigating factor (statutory revision request), and including Appellate Commissioners in PERS Benefit Multiplier Program.

Mr. Kevin Ammons briefed the Committee on current bills with potential impacts to JIS systems. Bills included: SHB 1252 – Pretrial Release, which would require judicial officers to document their rationale for specific decisions on conditions relating to pretrial release; SB 5426/HB 1391 – Court Alternatives for Youth, which aims to improve outcomes for youth by strengthening diversion programs and increasing data recorded about diversion agreements, and expands the age of diversions to 21 years old and removes diversions from criminal history; and HB 1460 – Hope Card, which would provided changes to the Hope Card legislation to reflect the program as implemented by AOC.

Proposed JISC Rules Revisions – Part 4 (of 4)

Mr. Ammons presented the final tranche of proposed revisions to the JISC Rules, which consisted of one rule: JISCR 13 – Local Court Systems. As mentioned before, these proposed changes are the result of a recent review of the eighteen rules by AOC with the intention to refresh outdated areas to better fit the current state of the Judicial Information System. Mr. Ammons provided background on previous revision efforts for JISCR 13, which most recently took place in 2020, but were ultimately not adopted, and then summarized the proposed changes, which are largely based on those 2020. Some discussion followed. No decision point to approve the changes was asked for at this time. Instead, Mr. Ammons asked that JISC members send him any additional feedback they receive from their associations on these proposed changes. Based on that feedback, the rule will be brought back to the Committee in April for discussion and a possible decision point.

ITG 1326 – Online Interpreter Scheduling – Preliminary Analysis Findings

Mr. James Wells gave a presentation on the preliminary analysis for Online Interpreter Scheduling (ITG 1326). All trial courts are required to provide interpreters. In the current landscape, court interpreters are mostly independent contractors, scheduling practices vary greatly across courts in the state, and labor-intensive processes are resulting in inefficiencies. There is a need for a statewide system that can be used by all courts, provide a standardized and efficient scheduling process, and that offers potential integration with other JIS applications.

Funding was received from the Legislature to investigate the current market and need for a statewide interpreter scheduling system. A stakeholder group has been formed with representatives from different court levels and interpreters. An analysis was conducted to identify business requirements from needs, and to review available commercial software. Mr. Wells then shared the preliminary findings from the analysis, outlining core functions for courts and for interpreters, and noted that a Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) solution was recommended rather than in-house development. Five COTS products were evaluated based on the business requirements, and it was determined that there are COTS products available that can meet the business needs. Additional information from the analysis, including a forecast of adoption rates, estimated costs, and additional survey data on court practices will be brought to the Committee at a future meeting, along with a potential decision point to approve the project.

JIS Priority Project #1 (ITG 102): Courts of Limited Jurisdiction – Case Management System (CLJ-CMS)

CLJ-CMS Project Update

Mr. Garret Tanner provided an update on the CLJ-CMS project. In early February, Tyler Technologies came to Olympia for two-day on-site Strategic Planning Session. One of the key outputs from this session was a formal recommendation from Tyler to upgrade to Enterprise Justice (EJ) v2025. This upgrade will be made available to the CLJ-CMS project at some point in Q1-Q2 of this year, at which time the team will begin testing the application with the target date to move to Production by early 2026. What this means is there will be only one go-live event this year, called 2025 Event 1. The project has kicked off with the Event 1 courts and are targeting August 18th as the go-live date. Event 1 consists of fourteen courts. Courts previously slated to participate in a second 2025 go-live event have been redistributed to go-live events in 2026 and 2027, which means the number of courts in each event will increase. To help mitigate the risk of running overlapping events, CLJ-CMS has recommended holding two larger events per year with targeted go-live dates in May and October.

Other recent activities include holding an outreach event in Vancouver in February, with additional outreach events to come in Yakima, Spokane, Marysville, and online; CLJ-CMS continues to provide ongoing support for the implemented pilot and early adopter courts and working with Tyler on enhancements and bug fixes. Mr. Tanner then gave details on other work in progress; he then highlighted updates to the project issues and risks.

Quality Assurance Assessment Report

Mr. Allen Mills, with the project's QA vendor Bluecrane, provided an overview of the February QA Assessment Report for the CLJ-CMS project. The full report can be found in the JISC meeting packet.

Other Project Updates

Protection Order Document Sharing (PODS) 2 – CLJ Project (ITG 1388)

Mr. Ammons gave an update on the Protection Order Document Sharing (PODS) 2 – CLJ project (ITG 1388). This project stems from an RCW amendment during the 2022 legislative session which requires any protection order filed with the state to be electronically available to all judicial officers. Orders from superior courts have been available since January 1, 2023 in JABS via the Protection Order Document Sharing (PODS) project. PODS 2 – CLJ will complete the work set out in the RCW amendment, that orders from the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction are to be available by January 1, 2026. The PODS 2 – CLJ project is currently being organized. No later than January 1, 2026, the protection order documents from courts that have implemented CLJ-CMS will be available in JABS for judicial officers. AOC will also be working with King and Kitsap County District Courts, as well as Seattle and Spokane Municipal Courts to make their protection orders available in JABS. After the January 1, 2026, as courts continue to implement CLJ-CMS, their protection orders will become available.

Enterprise Integration Platform (ITG 1340)

Mr. Robert Anteau gave an update on the Enterprise Integration Platform Project (ITG 1340). The project establishes an enterprise-level integration platform, creating external-facing Application

Programming interfaces (APIs) and supporting structures. This will allow integration between local court systems and AOC case management systems (CMSs), and will create a stand way to connect to CMSs without extensive customization. OCourt, which is a third-party application, is the first external application that will be using the external APIs over the Enterprise Integration Platform to access CLJ-CMS data. Foundational work for the integration platform is ongoing; Iteration 1 has been completed, and development of Iteration 2 is underway.

Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) Report

In Judge Hart's absence, Mr. Kevin Cottingham provided an update on the work of the Data Dissemination Committee, which met earlier today. Meeting details and decisions can be found in the DDC minutes on the Washington Courts website.

Meeting Wrap Up & Adjournment

Justice Madsen adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 25, 2025, via Zoom from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Action Items

	Action Items	Owner	Status