



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration/500 West Temple Street, Room B-50/Los Angeles, California 90012 / (213) 974-1431

MINUTES OF THE 694th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 694th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on July 10, 2008 in Room 140 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nelson L. Atkins, Chair
Paul A. Jacobs, Vice Chair
Andrew Friedman
Ann Jackson
Neal S. Millard
David C. Voss, Jr.
Annie Y. Huang

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
Samuel Dacus, Captain, Sheriff's Department
Laura Green, Office of the Public Defender
Bernard Barber, Detective, Los Angeles Police Department

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office
Zoe Venhuizen, Superior Court Representative
Margaret Little, Superior Court Representative
James Endman, Superior Court Representative

GUEST(S)

Cory Nikolas, Law Offices of White & Case

STAFF

George Britton, Commission Staff
Mireya Rivera, Commission Staff

MEMBERS

Nelson L. Atkins
Chair

Paul A. Jacobs
Vice Chair

Clifton Albright
Annie Y. Huang
Bertrum CeDillos
Andrew Friedman
Gary L. Barr
William J. Galloway
Ann Jackson
Neal S. Millard
Sylvia Scott-Hayes
David C. Voss, Jr.
Dennis P. Zine

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bertrum M. CeDillos
Sylvia Scott-Hayes
Dennis P. Zine
Clifton W. Albright
William Galloway
Gary L. Barr

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Atkins called the 694th regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was lead by Ex-Officio Member James Endman. Introductions of Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members and guests followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2008

On motion of Commissioner Voss, seconded by Ex-Officio Member Aubry, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of June 12, 2008 were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Child Custody Exchange Program Update

Vice-Chair Jacobs reported the following:

- He, Chairman Atkins and Bea Dieringer have been meeting regarding the Child Exchange Program. Currently two Supervisorial Districts are operating the pilot program. Vice-Chair Jacobs recommended taking a direct approach to persuade the three remaining Supervisorial Districts of the importance of the program.
- Supervisor Burke has agreed to fund the program for another year.
- The Commission is scheduled to meet with Supervisor Antonovich, August 12, 2008 to discuss funding the program in his District.

Bea Dieringer reported:

- She, Chairman Atkins, and Vice-Chair Jacobs met with Mark Delgado, Executive Director, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) on how to move forward on the administration of the Carson project.

Mr. Delgado reported the following:

- A contract has been signed with the Los Angeles Wings of Faith and funds have been transferred from Supervisor Burke's office to CCJCC.
- The Office of the CCJCC will be reviewing the invoices from Los Angeles Wings of Faith.

- Supervisor Burke funded \$60,000 for another year and due to the expired federal grant has agreed to pay for two unfunded months.

Bea Dieringer reported the following:

- Bien Venidos will be submitting a proposal to begin the program in Temple City.
- The proposal is scheduled to be presented to Supervisor Antonovich on August 12, 2008.
- Captain Shaw from the Temple City Station is enthusiastic about the program and would like to help facilitate the program to other Sheriff Stations.

Vice-Chair Jacobs reported that funding for the Third Supervisorial District remains unclear and there may need to be a combination of funding sources to get the project started.

Detective Barber reported that LAPD is looking into allocating spaces in the detective interview rooms.

Diversity on the Bench Initiative

Heather Aubry reported the following:

- A draft of the article regarding Diversity on the Bench has been prepared. The final draft will be submitted to the Commission at the August 14, 2008 meeting.
- Upon approval by the Commission it will be sent to various publications including the Metropolitan News.

Commissioner Huang reported the following:

- Progress is being made on the collection of information relating to the diversity of judges serving on the bench.
- Applicants are broken down by gender and race.
- Looking at ways to increase the number of women serving on the bench.

Commissioner Millard suggested contacting Dannette Meyers, President of the Bar Association, who is interested in the diversity of judges serving on the bench. He further

suggested contacting Gretchen Nelson who is the past President of the Bar Association regarding the new bar representative.

Attorney Civility Taskforce

James Endman reported the following:

- He and Presiding Superior Court Judge Czuleger discussed the Civility Rule Proposal.
- According to Presiding Judge Czuleger, the Court would be reluctant to take a position on the proposal.
- There should be one set of Civility Rules developed and proposed to the State Bar Association.

Bea Dieringer stated that implementing Civility Rules in the Criminal Justice Court would require all major players be involved and may be a lengthy process. Also, the State Bar Association has no legislature power to implement the rules state wide.

Commissioner Millard added that the only role the Commission can take is to facilitate various task force groups and help coordinate the groups.

Laura Green stated that Civility Rules is a sensitive issue. In the Public Defender's Office, as part of the annual performance evaluation, attorneys are rated and discipline internally when they behave inappropriately. She further stated that due to the nature of issues involved, it is recommended that Civility Rules not be endorsed by the Commission.

Election of Commission Officers

George Britton, Commission Services, opened the floor for nominations for the Offices of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission for 2008-2009.

- Commissioner Friedman nominated Commissioner Jacobs to serve as Chair.
- Heather Aubry nominated Commissioner Jackson to serve as Vice-Chair.

Nominations from the floor were then closed. There being no other nominations from the floor, Chair Atkins declares the above nominations elected by acclamation.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 694th meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 1:30 p.m.