## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA JUDICIAL RESOURCES COMMISSION March 31, 2015

A meeting of the Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission was held on the 31st day of March, 2015, in Room 1510, State Capitol. The meeting was conducted by telephone conference as permitted by statute.

Judge McCormack called the meeting to order in Room 1510, State Capitol Building in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the hour of 1:00 P.M. Roll call by the Secretary:

PRESENT ABSENT

Judge Michael McCormack, Chr.

Judge Patrick McDermott

Judge John Samson

Judge O'Neal

Robert Parker

Jayne Mann

Timothy Engler

Mark Sipple

Amy Schlichting

Michael McCarthy

**Brian Phares** 

Richard Carter

Robert Slovek

Lori Scherer

Darlene Starman

William Dittrick Mike Day

The Chairman called for approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2015. It was moved by Michael McCarthy, second by Jayne Mann that the minutes be approved. Voting yes, all present.

Chairman announced that the purpose of the hearing was to consider whether or not the caseload statistics warranted the filling of the judicial vacancy in the District Court of the 3rd Judicial District arising from the retirement of Judge Paul Merritt.

The Chairman identified and received into the record Exhibits 1 through 5.

The Chairman called for consideration of the vacancy in the District Court of the 3rd Judicial District of Nebraska as a result of the retirement of Judge Paul Merritt. The Chairman called for testimony. Testimony in favor of filling the vacancy was received by the Commission. There was no testimony in opposition. It was moved by Judge McDermott and seconded by Brian Phares that the vacancy in the office of District Judge of the 3rd Judicial District be filled

with its primary office to be at Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Voting yes, all present. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Judge Samson and seconded by Darlene Starman, that the Commission stand adjourned. Voting yes, all present. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Judge Patrick McDermott, Secretary

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