

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
THE NEBRASKA JUDICIAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
MARCH 8, 2011

A meeting of the Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission was held on the 8th day of March, 2011, at the hearing room in the State Capitol building with participants also attending at video conferencing sites at Omaha, Scottsbluff, and Hastings.

Judge McCormack called the meeting to order in Room 1525, State Capitol Building in Lincoln, Nebraska. Roll call by the Secretary:

PRESENT

ABSENT

(Lincoln)  
Judge Michael McCormack, Chr.  
Judge Patrick McDermott  
Judge Robert O'Neal  
Judge John Samson  
Riko Bishop  
Robert Parker  
Mark Sipple  
Dennis Riekenberg  
Richard Carter  
Lori Scherer  
Amy Schlichting  
Darlene Starman  
Frank "Jay" Turco  
Steven Mattoon  
Brian Baxter  
Brian Phares  
(Omaha)  
Thomas Hoarty

None

The Chairman called for approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2010. Moved by Judge O'Neal, second by Mr. Phares that the minutes be approved. Voting yes, all present.

Chairman announced that purpose of the hearing was to consider whether or not the caseload statistics warranted the filling of certain judicial vacancies in the State of Nebraska arising from the retirement of Judges McQuade, Moran, Ott, Binkard, and Silverman.

The Chairman identified and received into the record Exhibits 1 through 18.

The Chairman then called for consideration of the vacancy in the County Court of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Nebraska, as a result of the retirement of Judge McQuade. 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 Judge Sampson that the

vacancy in the office of County Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District be filled with the primary office being located at Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. Voting yes, all present. Motion carried.

The Chairman then called for consideration of the vacancy in the District Court of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Nebraska, as a result of the retirement of Judge Moran. 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 Mr. Hoarty and seconded by Judge O'Neal that the vacancy in the office of District Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District be filled with the primary office being located at Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. Voting yes, all present. Motion carried.

The Chairman then called for consideration of the vacancy in the District Court of the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Nebraska, as a result of the retirement of Judge Binkard. 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 O'Neal and seconded by Mr. Phares that the vacancy in the office of District Judge of the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District be filled with the primary office being located at Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska. Voting yes, all present, except Judge Sampson who abstained. Motion carried.

The Chairman then called for consideration of the vacancy in the County Court of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Nebraska, as a result of the retirement of Judge Ott. 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 Ms. Amy Schlichting that the vacancy in the office of County Judge of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District be filled with the primary office being located at Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Voting yes, all present. Motion carried.

The Chairman then called for consideration of the vacancy in the District Court of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Nebraska, as a result of the retirement of Judge Silverman. 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 O'Neal and seconded by Judge Sampson that the vacancy in the office of District Judge of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District be filled with the primary office being located at Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska. Voting yes, all present. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Judge Patrick McDermott, Secretary