

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE NEBRASKA JUDICIAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
February 16, 2024**

Pursuant to the press release issued February 2, 2024, a public hearing of the Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission was held on the 16th day of February, 2024, in Room 1510, State Capitol Building, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

AGENDA ITEM I: The Chair called the proceedings to order at approximately 10 a.m. The proceedings included a Zoom videoconferencing option for Commission members and for members of the public. Roll Call by Kara Nielsen.

PRESENT (* denotes Zoom attendance)

Justice Jonathan Papik
Judge Matthew Kahler*
Judge Travis O’Gorman*
Timothy Engler
Cyd Hall
Kenneth Hartman
Roxanne Kracl*
Nancy McCabe*
Robert Parker*
Meagan Spomer*
Darlene Starman
Ron Temple*
Jacqueline Tessendorf*
Maria Whitmore*

EXCUSED

Judge Anne Paine
Taylor Gage
Brian Phares

AGENDA ITEM II: The Chair confirmed that all Commission members had received and reviewed the minutes from the December 14, 2023, hearing. On a voice vote the commissioners accepted the minutes of December 14, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM III: The following exhibits were received and considered by the Commission, and are attached to these minutes:

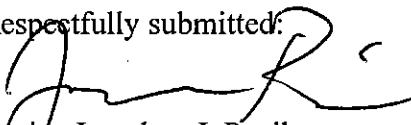
- Exhibit 1: Meeting Agenda
- Exhibit 2: Minutes of the December 14, 2023, hearing.
- Exhibit 3: Letter of retirement - District Court Judge John E. Samson
- Exhibit 4: Letter from the NSBA
- Exhibit 5: 2023 District Court Weighted Caseload Report

AGENDA ITEM V: The public hearing was conducted and the Commission received and considered public testimony from: Corey Steel, State Court Administrator, and Liz Neeley, Executive Director of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

AGENDA ITEM IV(a): It was moved by Timothy Engler and seconded by Meagan Spomer to declare a judicial vacancy in the District Court in the 6th Judicial District due to the retirement of Judge John E. Samson, and to recommend that the primary office location of such vacancy be in Washington County, Nebraska. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM V: There being no other matters brought before the Commission, on a voice vote the commission voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Justice Jonathan J. Papik
Chair