

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE NEBRASKA JUDICIAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
January 17, 2025**

Pursuant to the press release issued January 6, 2025, the public hearing of the Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission was held on the 17th day of January 2025, in the Nebraska Supreme Court Courtroom, 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.

PRESENT (* denotes Zoom attendance)

Justice Jonathan Papik
Judge Anne Paine*
Judge Travis O’Gorman*
Judge Matthew Kahler*
Taylor Gage
Cyd Hall*
Kenneth Hartman
Jane Langan Mach
Nancy McCabe*
Brian Phares*
Meagan Spomer*
Darlene Starman
Ron Temple*
Jacqueline Tessendorf*
Maria Whitmore*

EXCUSED

Roxanne Kracl
Robert Parker

AGENDA ITEM II: The Chair confirmed that all Commission members had received and reviewed the minutes from the December 13, 2024, hearing. On a voice vote the commissioners unanimously accepted the minutes of December 13.

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 13, 2024, hearing.
Exhibit 3: Retirement letter of Judge W. Russell Bowie
Exhibit 4: Retirement letter of Mark A. Johnson
Exhibit 5: Retirement letter of Jeffrey L. Marcuzzo
Exhibit 6: Judge Marcela Keim Letter re 4th CC
Exhibit 7: Judge James Kube Letter re 7th DC
Exhibit 8: NSBA Tricia Freeman Letter re JRC
Exhibit 9: 2024 County Court Weighted Caseload Report

Exhibit 10: 2024 District Court Weighted Caseload Report

Exhibit 11: Judge Jeffrey Lux Letter re 4th DC

Exhibit 12: Kevin Slimp Letter re 4th CC

Exhibit 10: Omaha Bar Association, Angela Lennon letter re: 4th District, County Court

AGENDA ITEM IV: The public hearing was conducted, and the Commission received and considered public testimony from: Judge Jeffrey Lux, 4th District, District Court; Judge Marcella Keim, 4th District, County Court; Judge Grant Forsberg, 4th District, County Court; and Corey Steel, State Court Administrator for Court Services.

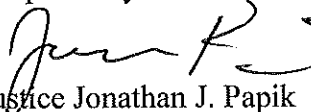
(a): It was moved by Ken Hartman and seconded by Meagan Spomer to declare a judicial vacancy in the District Court in the 4th Judicial District due to the retirement of Judge W. Russell Bowie, with the primary location being Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

(b): It was moved by Meagan Spomer and seconded by Jane Langan Mach to declare a judicial vacancy in the District Court in the 7th Judicial District due to the retirement of Judge Mark A. Johnson, with the primary location being Madison, Madison County, Nebraska. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

(c): It was moved by Ken Hartman and seconded by Jane Langan Mach to declare a judicial vacancy in the County Court in the 4th Judicial District due to the retirement of Judge Jeffrey L. Marcuzzo, with the primary location being Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM V: There being no other matters, the Commission adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Justice Jonathan J. Papik
Chair