

Alaska Criminal Justice Commission

Meeting Summary

Thursday October 25, 2018

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Audio-teleconference

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioners Present: Joel Bolger, Sean Case, Matt Claman, John Coghill, Jahna Lindemuth, Walt Monegan, Greg Razo, Stephanie Rhoades, Brenda Stanfill, Trevor Stephens, Steve Williams

Commissioners Absent: Jay Butler, Quinlan Steiner, Dean Williams (Karen Cann served as proxy for Dean Williams)

Participants: Jon Woodard, Rob Henderson, Laura Russell, Juliana Melin, Teri Tibbett

Staff: Susanne DiPietro, Brian Brossmer, Teri Carns, Susie Dosik, Staci Corey, Barbara Dunham

Agenda

Commissioner Razo moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Steve Williams seconded the motion. The agenda was approved without opposition.

Annual Report Draft

Commission Project Attorney Barbara Dunham walked the Commission through the draft of the annual report. Several Commissioners noted that some of the charts used shades of blue that were difficult to distinguish from one another. Ms. Dunham said she would use different colors.

Commissioner Razo noted that the Commission had received public comment from Partners for Progress that morning, and that it had occurred to him that public comments to the Commission are generally not memorialized anywhere. He suggested adding an appendix of the year's public comments to the annual report.

Commissioner Steve Williams said he didn't have any objection to that idea, but suggested making it a separate document available on the website. Judge Rhoades said she liked that idea. Commissioner Razo said that could work, but wanted to emphasize that public comment has at times swayed the Commission in its work, and that the Commission's work was the product of a public process, not just 15 people around a table.

Commissioner Stanfill wondered whether everyone commenting at Commission meetings would expect their name to be published by the Commission in a public report that would be searchable on the internet.

Commissioner Monegan wondered whether it would be possible to include public comments in the sections of the report that pertain to the comments. Ms. Dunham said that would be possible where comments related to the report, but not all comments related to the report.

Chair Claman suggested that staff look at the volume of comments, how they relate to the report, and that they think about the confidentiality issue. The Commission could decide what to do with the next draft. There was general agreement.

Chair Claman also suggested that there was room to edit the executive summary to include highlights of the report that were missed. He wondered if Commissioners wanted to meet informally with staff to rework the summary to pinpoint additional items. Commissioner Steve Williams and Chair Claman agreed to work with staff before the next draft.

Staff agreed to send a final draft to the Commissioners by close of business on Monday, October 29, and the Commissioners would get any final comments to staff by the close of business on Tuesday October 30. The Commission would meet again telephonically on Wednesday October 31.

Public Comment

There was an opportunity for public comment but none was offered.