

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

The Council on Judicial Complaints convened a Special Meeting on April 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Oklahoma Bar Center at 1901 North Lincoln, Room 229, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Notice of the April 20, 2023 Special Meeting of the Council on Judicial Complaints was filed with the Secretary of State on April 6, 2023. The meeting's agenda was posted in the front entryway of the Oklahoma Bar Center and on the Council on Judicial Complaints' website on or before April 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Chairwoman Cathy Christensen, Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell, Member Jerry Franklin, Patricia Parrish, and Administrative Director Taylor Henderson were present in-person at the above-described location at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Cathy Christensen at 9:08 a.m.

Administrative Director Henderson presented the minutes for the March 23, 2023 Meeting of the Council on Judicial Complaints. Member Jerry Franklin moved that the minutes of the March 23, 2023 Meeting of the Council on Judicial Complaints be approved as presented. Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried with affirmative votes of Chairwoman Cathy Christensen, Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell, and Member Jerry Franklin.

Administrative Director Taylor Henderson presented and the Council considered the Administrative Director's FY 2023 Claims and Expenditure Report and associated 6-Digit Detail Expenditure Report. Member Jerry Franklin moved to approve the FY 2023 reports as presented. Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried with affirmative votes of Chairwoman Cathy Christensen, Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell, and Member Jerry Franklin.

Administrative Director Henderson presented the FY 2023 fee collection report to date. As the report did not reflect any changes since the Council's last approval of the fee collection report, no action was taken.

Administrative Director Henderson reported that there were no new funding requests for judicial education events. No action was taken.

The Council discussed its contract for legal services allowed by 20 O.S. § 1658(C)(1) and 74 O.S. § 20i. The Council discussed it is necessary to execute an additional legal contract with attorney Brad West to investigate the current level of complaints being filed with the agency. Member Jerry Franklin moved to execute a legal services contract with Brad West pursuant to 20 O.S. § 1658(C)(1) and 74 O.S. § 20i for limited assignments and on an ad hoc basis for an amount not to exceed \$17,500 in legal services and \$2,500 in associated travel costs. Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried with affirmative votes of Chairwoman Cathy Christensen, Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell, and Member Jerry Franklin.

The Council Members discussed the next two meetings of the Council on Judicial Complaints regularly scheduled for May 25, 2023 and June 22, 2023 at 9 a.m. No changes were made to the future dates and times and no action was taken.

There was no new business.

Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell moved to adjourn the public meeting. Member Jerry Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried with affirmative votes of Chairwoman Cathy Christensen, Vice Chairwoman Nicole Bell, and Member Jerry Franklin. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

5-25-23
Date

Cathy Christensen
Cathy Christensen, Chairwoman

5/25/23
Date

Nicole Bell
Nicole Bell, Vice Chairwoman

5-25-23
Date

Jerry Franklin
Jerry Franklin, Member