## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

The Council on Judicial Complaints convened a Special Meeting on June 19, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., in the Oklahoma Bar Center at 1901 North Lincoln, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Notice of the June 19, 2025 Special Meeting of the Council on Judicial Complaints was filed with the Secretary of State on June 5, 2025, due to the cancellation of the May 22, 2025 Regularly Scheduled Meeting. 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 June 18, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Rick Rose, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, Member Zack Taylor, General Counsel John Bunting, and Director Taylor Henderson were present in-person at the above-described location at 1:20 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Rose at 1:30 p.m. No members of the public were in attendance.

Upon the presence of a quorum and confirmation of compliance with the Open Meeting Act, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm moved to table all items on the agenda to conduct, discuss, or deliberate matters relating to complaints received or initiated by the Council on Judicial Complaints, with the meeting to be reconvene in approximately 1-2 hours in the same location. Member Zack Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm and Chairman Rick Rose.

The open meeting reconvened at 2:42 p.m. in the same location. No members of the public were present to attend the meeting. Chairman Rose called the meeting to order.

Director Henderson presented the minutes for the March 26, 2025 Special Meeting of the Council on Judicial Complaints. Member Zack Taylor moved that the minutes of the March 26, 2025 Special Meeting of the Council on Judicial Complaints be approved as presented. Vice

Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm and Chairman Rick Rose.

Director Taylor Henderson presented and the Council considered the Administrative Director's FY 2025 Claims and Expenditures Report and associated 6-Digit Detail Expenditure Report inclusive of receipts through June 13, 2025. Included within the report was a request to ratify approval of an expenditure up to \$4,500 for acquisition of office furniture which was approved pursuant to Rule 3 of the Council on Judicial Complaints' purchasing procedures by Chairman Rick Rose on April 10, 2025. Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm moved to approve the reports and ratify the expenditure as presented. Member Zack Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Director Taylor Henderson presented and the Council considered the FY 2025 fee collection report inclusive of receipts through the month of March 2025. Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm moved to approve the fee collection report as presented. Member Zack Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Chairman Rick Rose tabled consideration of item 3D to be taken up following agenda item 4.

Director Henderson presented the ongoing contracts, subscriptions, and recurring expenses for FY 2026 as set forth in agenda items 3(e)(1)-3(e)(6). Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm to approve the FY 2026 contracts, subscriptions, and recurring expenses as presented. Member Zack Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Director Taylor Henderson sought approval to encumber expenditures for judicial officers and Council Members to attend the 2025 National Center for State Courts Center for Judicial Ethics National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics October 15-17, 2025, in Louisville, Kentucky as allowed by 20 O.S. § 1651.1. Following discussion, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm moved to approve the travel and expenditures in an amount in conformity with the Oklahoma State Travel Reimbursement Act for the Council Members, three judicial officers of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, two judicial officers of the Oklahoma Court on the Judiciary Trial Division, and two judicial officers of the Oklahoma Court on the Judiciary Appellate Division. Member Zack Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Administrative Director Taylor Henderson presented Declaratory Ruling 2025-1. Following discussion, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles moved to approve Declaratory Ruling 2025-1, as presented, and to include the language in footnote 4 in a cover letter to the requestor. Member Zack Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm moved to enter into Executive Session as authorized by Title 25 O.S.Supp.2022, § 307(B)(1) for the purpose of discussing the employment and salary of the Executive Director, Principal Assistant, and General Counsel of the Council on Judicial Complaints. An Executive Session was had.

Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm moved to reconvene in open session to vote on matters considered in executive session. Chairman Rick Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Following the discussion in Executive Session, Chairman Rick Rose moved to increase the salary of the Executive Director to \$175,000 beginning July 1, 2025. Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Following the discussion in Executive Session, Chairman Rick Rose moved to increase the salary of the General Counsel to \$150,000 beginning July 1, 2025. Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Following the discussion in Executive Session, Chairman Rick Rose moved to increase the salary of the Principal Assistant to \$85,000 beginning July 1, 2025. Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Director Taylor Henderson presented the proposed FY26 Budget Work Program. A discussion was had to increase the line item for the Director's salary by \$15,000 and to increase the line item for taxes/benefits/health insurance by \$7,000 for a total budget of \$722,000 for FY26. Angela Ailles Bahm moved to amend the proposed budget work program as discussed for a total budget of \$722,000 for FY 26. Member Zack Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Following a discussion of the officers of the Council on Judicial Complaints for FY 26, Angela Ailles Bahm nominated Rick Rose to continue to serve as Chairman, Zack Taylor to continue to serve as Member, and herself to continue to serve as Vice Chairwoman. Member Zack

Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Following a discussion of the upcoming regularly scheduled meetings for July and August 2025, Chairman Rose moved to cancel the July 24, 2025 regularly scheduled meeting. Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm seconded the motion. The motion carried with the affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

Chairman Rick Rose moved to adjourn the public meeting. The motion carried with affirmative votes of Member Zack Taylor, Vice Chairwoman Angela Ailles-Bahm, and Chairman Rick Rose.

The meeting concluded at 3:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

Rick Rose, Chairman

Angela Ailles Bahm, Vice Chairwoman

 $\frac{8/28/25}{\text{Date}}$ 

Zack Taylor, Member