

State of New Hampshire
Judicial Branch
Judicial Performance Evaluation (JPE) Advisory Committee
March 11, 2013
1 p.m.

Attendees: Associate Supreme Court Justice Carol Ann Conboy; State Representative Marjorie Smith; Attorney Daniel Will (NH Bar Association) ; Attorney Christopher Keating (Judicial Council); Attorney Randy Hawkes (Public Defender); Laura Kiernan (Judicial Branch Communications). Also in attendance: Superior Court Judge William Delker (for Superior Court Chief Justice Tina Nadeau); Associate Attorney General Anne Edwards (for Deputy Attorney General Ann Rice); Circuit Court Administrator Gina Apicelli (for Administrative Judge Edwin Kelly); and Supreme Court Clerk Eileen Fox.

State Sen. Sharon Carson, a member of the Committee, was unable to attend.

Minutes of the Meeting:

The organizational meeting of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee was held in the Souter Conference Room of the NH Supreme Court.

Justice Conboy reviewed the mission of the Committee as set forth in Supreme Ct. Rule 56.

Eileen Fox and Laura Kiernan reported on current NH JPE programs.

The Committee discussed various procedural issues involving the JPE programs. At the next committee meeting, a representative of each division of the court system will identify procedural concerns with the current system and how they could be addressed by the committee. Information will be collected for the committee on JPE procedures in other states.

It was agreed that Justice Conboy would consult with NHJB General Counsel Howard Zibel regarding the amendments to RSA 490:32 (Judicial Performance Evaluations) as they relate to annual reporting requirements.

Regular committee meetings will be held at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and are open to the public. The date and time of the meetings will be posted on the JPE webpage on the Judicial Branch website.

It was agreed that if a committee member is unable to attend a meeting, a designee may attend.

The first regular meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the AOC.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by Laura Kiernan, Executive Secretary to the Committee