

**State of New Hampshire
Judicial Branch
Judicial Performance Evaluation (JPE) Advisory Committee
April 11, 2014
9:00am**

Attendees

Supreme Court Associate Justice Carol Ann Conboy, Superior Court Chief Justice Tina Nadeau, Circuit Court Deputy Administrative Judge David King, Rep. Marjorie Smith, Attorney Daniel Will (NH Bar Association), Attorney Christopher Keating (Judicial Council), Attorney Randy Hawkes (Public Defender), Dr. Andrew Smith (UNH), and Carole Alfano, Judicial Branch Public Information Officer.

Absent due to scheduling conflicts

Sen. Sharon Carson; Deputy Attorney General Ann Rice and Supreme Court Clerk Eileen Fox.

Minutes of the Meeting

On Friday, April 11, the JPE Advisory Committee met at the Administrative Office of the Courts in Concord. The minutes of the March 10 meeting were approved without any corrections.

Judge Conboy began the meeting by asking Rep. Smith for an update on **SB 249**. Rep. Smith was pleased to report that Governor Hassan recently signed the legislation into law and that the bill went into effect immediately. Judge Conboy will follow up with Judge Lynn regarding the changes needed to Supreme Court Rule 56 to reflect the legislation.

The committee continued its general discussion concerning the drafts of new, one page versions of survey forms addressing judicial performance and juror feedback. Dr. Smith took the committee's suggestions from the last meeting and incorporated them into both forms. The committee further refined both forms by eliminating certain questions while revising others. Dr. Smith will make these changes to both surveys in time for the next meeting.

Judge Nadeau and Judge King will initiate the next step by having the surveys put into Survey Monkey form. They will also draft a letter requesting all parties to be surveyed go to the Survey Monkey web site to complete the brief, on-line survey.

Discussion also continued from the previous meeting regarding the forms used to evaluate the supreme court. Carole Alfano read an email from Eileen Fox requesting input from the full committee concerning the redesign of the forms. Clerk Fox is chairing the sub-committee charged with working on the new drafts of the court's judicial performance evaluation surveys that will be used in the fall of 2014. Carole will send the three forms previously used to all committee members.

The committee agreed to have further discussions about Rep. Smith's proposed "portfolio approach" to the judicial evaluation process at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the full JPE Committee was set for Friday, May 30th at 9:00am at the AOC, Training Room B, in Concord.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Submitted by Carole Alfano, Executive Secretary to the Committee