

**State of New Hampshire  
Judicial Branch  
Judicial Performance Evaluation (JPE) Advisory Committee  
June 13, 2016  
3:00pm**

***Attendees***

Supreme Court Associate Justice Carol Ann Conboy, Circuit Court Deputy Administrative Judge David King, Sen. Sharon Carson, Deputy Attorney General Ann Rice, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, Christopher Keating, Attorney Daniel Will (NH Bar Association), Attorney Randy Hawkes (Office of the Public Defender), Supreme Court Clerk Eileen Fox and Carole Alfano, Judicial Branch Public Information Officer.

***Absent due to scheduling conflicts***

Superior Court Chief Justice Tina Nadeau, Rep. Robert Rowe, and Dr. Andrew Smith (UNH).

***Minutes of the Meeting***

On Monday, June 13, 2016 the JPE Advisory Committee met at the Administrative Office of the Courts in Concord. The minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting were approved without any corrections.

Justice Conboy began the meeting by reviewing the draft of the JPE Annual Report for 2015 to be sent to the governor and the legislature by June 30, 2016. She suggested that the report reflect information gathered in a calendar year, versus a legislative/fiscal year as has been past practice. This is due to the fact that judicial evaluations are conducted in a calendar year. The committee agreed. The 2015 report will reflect this change.

Justice Conboy noted that the Court received no feedback on the 2014 annual report.

The committee reviewed the draft page by page and suggested several helpful edits that will be incorporated into the second draft.

The committee agreed to decide whether any changes need to be made to the evaluation forms after reviewing the results of the 2016 evaluations that will be available in February or March of 2017.

Sen. Carson suggested that it might be helpful for those individuals who are critical of the state's court system to read the JPE Annual Report. Although they may disagree with it, in her opinion, the report clearly shows an overall satisfaction with the court system. Justice Conboy noted that all of the annual reports are posted and available for the public to read on the judicial branch website.

Justice Conboy and Sen. Carson suggested that information regarding the success of the Family Court's "High Conflict Resolution Docket" be included in the 2016 report to be issued in June of 2017.

The next meeting of the full JPE Committee was set for Monday, March 6, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the AOC, Training Room B, in Concord.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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*Submitted by Carole Alfano, Executive Secretary to the Committee*