

# **Tenth Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission Minutes February 22, 2017 Meeting**

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**Date:** February 22, 2017

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Johnson County Administration Building, 111 S. Cherry, Room 201, Olathe, KS

**In attendance:** Justice Lee Johnson, Chair; Hon. Stephen M. Howe, Secretary, Doug Brownlee, Joe Beveridge, Gregory Doring, Sam Turner, Judge Kevin Moriarty, and Vivien Jennings, Brett Milbourn, Tom Bath, Greg Musil, Anna Beth Surbaugh, James Griffith and Rick Guinn

**Absent:** John Parisi.

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The meeting was called to order by Justice Johnson at 1:00 p.m. and a quorum declared. Anna Beth Surbaugh moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2016 meeting and Sam Turner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was then opened up for public comment. Kathryn Stocks was present but had no comments.

Being that no other members of the public wished to provide any further comments, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

At 1:30 p.m. Greg Musil moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss the background checks of the applicants. The motion was seconded by Anna Beth Surbaugh. Motion passed unanimously.

At 2:00 p.m. Anna Beth Surbaugh moved to go back into open session, the motion was seconded by Sam Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee then had a general discussion regarding what weight to give some of the information discovered during the background check.

The committee went over the rules for selection of the magistrate position and how it differed from the selection of district court judges.

The committee then discussed what duties and responsibilities the magistrate position had and what attributes were important for this position.

At 2:50 p.m. the committee was provided ballots to determine which candidates should be interviewed. After the vote, the committee then discussed how many votes were needed to be interviewed. Vivian Jennings made a motion that a candidate must receive votes from the

majority of the committee to be selected for an interview. The motion was seconded by Sam Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

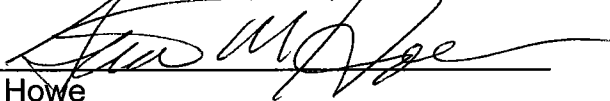
Based on the votes, the following individuals were selected to be interviewed on March 8, 2017: Jenifer Ashford, Christopher Kopecky, Alex McCauley, Robert Scott, Wayne Smith, Karen Snyder and Jessica Sokoloff.

The committee then discusses how long to interview each applicant and what the days agenda would look like. The committee agrees to 20 minute interviews. A random drawing was then held to determine which liaisons would be assigned to which interviewees.

There was also preliminary discussions about the committee's options for voting at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

  
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Steve Howe  
Secretary