

Tenth Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission Minutes March 20, 2008 Meeting

Date: March 20, 2008

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: W. Jack Sanders Justice Center, 12400 Foster

In attendance: Justice Lee Johnson, Chair; Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger, Secretary, Edna Baginsky, Scott Gyllenborg, Marcia Rinehart, Janis McMillen, Brant Tidwell, Larry McClain, Kevin Moriarty, Charles German (by phone), Lee Smithyman (by phone)

Absent: Terry Presta, Michelle Kinzer, Victor Bergman

The meeting was called to order by Justice Lee Johnson at 5:30 p.m.

After the meeting was called to order and a quorum declared, Larry McClain moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2007 meeting. Marcia Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were thereby approved.

The Commission then reviewed the revised application. Justice Johnson suggested we receive 15 copies of all materials instead of 14 so that there would be a "clean" copy to submit to the Governor. A motion was made by Marcia Rinehart to approve the revised application form. It was seconded by Brant Tidwell. The motion passed unanimously and the revised application was approved.

Justice Johnson advised that Judge Janice Russell, division 7, announced her retirement effective June 13, 2008. The Chief Justice had officially announced the vacancy in the Tenth Judicial District yesterday and requested that he proceed with the selection of nominees. The Commission has 45 days to submit names to the Governor to fill the position. However, if it was determined that if it was necessary to take longer than 45 days, he would get an extension from the Chief Justice, which is allowed by the statute. He asked that everyone take out their calendars so that they could review dates for future meetings.

The Commission decided that the application deadline would be April 18, 2008 at noon. A meeting would be held at the Jack Sanders Justice Center on April 24, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. to review applications and determine which applicants would be interviewed for the position. Final interviews would take place on May 8, 2008, with the meeting to begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Johnson County Administration Building. Justice Johnson would then deliver the names of the

nominees to the Governor on May 9, 2008. The Governor would be required to make her decision by June 8, 2008. This would allow the position to be filled before Judge Russell's retirement to facilitate a smooth transition.

Commissioners expressed the desire to make sure that public participation and comments were encouraged. In that regard, the Commissioners were asked to forward organizations that they believed should receive information about the meetings to the Secretary. Although all media outlets are always notified, there was a desire to reach out into the community to make sure that anyone that wanted to be involved in the process would have an opportunity to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this 24th day of April, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen Arnold-Burger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger, Secretary