

State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date | 10/06/2022 12:15 p.m. | Meeting location Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs: Rebecca Dallet
Supreme Court Justice
Wisconsin Supreme Court

Kimberly Lawton
District Attorney
Bayfield County

Staff
Lara Kenny
Donna Hahn
Mike Austin
Brad Kelly
Caitlin Snyder
Phil Zell

Subcommittee Members Present

Associate Judge Gwen Topping, State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, Jane Graham Jennings, Deputy Chief Judge Carl Ashley, Chief Shon Barnes, Rhonda Frank-Loron, Representative Evan Goyke, Judge Emily Lonergan

Subcommittee Members Not Present

Dr. Jeneise Briggs, Judge Derek Mosley, Vanessa McDowell, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Derek Veitenheimer, Jerome Dillard

Others Present

Adam Plotkin, Steve Wagner, Linda Palmer, Kevin Reddy, Kerrie Fanning, Penny Robinson, Trinity Fandre

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome and Opening Comments

Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Dallet welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access (REIA) Subcommittee.

Approval of 9/1/2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by State Public Defender Kelli Thompson and seconded by Representative Evan Goyke to approve the 9/1/2022 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Update on Approved Jury Instructions

Justice Dallet updated the subcommittee on the Jury Instruction. It is up to date online. It does not exactly match what the subcommittee submitted. There were a couple tweaks made. The final copy will be updated for the Judges conference.

Supreme Court Rule Petition 22-01 on DEIA Training Discussion

Justice Dallet updated the subcommittee on the State Bar's rule request to the Wisconsin Supreme Court to recognize CLE credit education regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and the recognition

of bias. The State CJCC chose to not submit written testimony during the public comment period. Public comment period is now closed.

Justice Dallet encouraged members to participate when the public hearing is scheduled, at this time she is not sure when that will be. The State Courts website will be updated if public hearing is scheduled. When it goes to hearing there should be someone there to speak on this at least from the subcommittee.

Jury Master List Project Update & Discussion

There is no update to the Jury Master List Project.

Educational Opportunities Updates & Discussion

Justice Dallet asked the subcommittee members to come up with ideas on how to educate the public on Jury selection. A discussion followed that included improving perceptions among younger adults on the importance of jury duty, improving education in civics classes, and educating social and faith groups. There was also discussion around bringing trust back to the Native American community.

Judge Emily Lonergan updated the members that the Jury selection video is being used by all La Crosse Judges.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Deputy Chief Judge Carl Ashley and seconded by State Public Defender Kelli Thompson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.