

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY RULES AND REFERENDA

March 7, 2018
Texas Law Center, Room 102
Austin, Texas

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Those in attendance at the meeting were: Chairman M. Lewis Kinard; Claude Ducloux; Timothy Belton; Amy Bresnen; Rick Hagen; Hon. Dennise Garcia; W. Carl Jordan; and Jane King. Also present were: Linda Acevedo, Chief Disciplinary Counsel; Michelle Jordan, Staff Attorney; Anne Davis, Executive Administrative Manager; and Brad Powell, Information Technology Division Director.

Not present was Vincent Johnson.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the February 7, 2018 meeting and a suggestion for revision was made. Mr. Ducloux made a motion that the Committee approve the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hagen. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. MEETING DEFINITIONS

The Committee discussed a document which was distributed prior to the meeting entitled, "Committee on Disciplinary Rules and Referenda Meeting Definitions". No action was taken with regard to the document.

C. ACCESS

The Committee discussed issues and options to open access to meetings. Linda Acevedo and Brad Powell spoke about different technological options with regard to open access.

D. DOCUMENTS

The Committee discussed types of work output. The Committee also discussed options for a docketing system. Mr. Ducloux volunteered to draft a Docketing Statement as well as a Resolution Initiating a Rule Proposal and present them to the Committee.

Linda Acevedo and Brad Powell discussed with the Committee technology issues with regard to document sharing.

E. OATHS

Mr. Kinard brought to the attention of the Committee an issue raised by Ms. Bresnen concerning the issue of whether members are required to take certain oaths of office. Ms. Bresnen will provide to the Committee members a memo she prepared concerning the issue as well as referenced statutes. The Committee anticipates receiving additional information and legal opinions from Bar Counsel Don Jones with regard to this issue and therefore will take no action at this time.

F. POTENTIAL TOPICS

The Committee discussed potential topics that the Committee could look to in deciding which rules the Committee might begin work on.

G. BUDGET

Linda Acevedo discussed with the Committee their budget and the budgeting process.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee discussed some strategies for the scheduling of future meetings. Some future meetings dates were discussed and Anne Davis will poll the members as to their availability on specific dates. However, no specific future meetings were set at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ducloux made a Motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by the Ms. King. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.