



**MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMISSION (JPEC)  
April 28, 2006**

**Commission Members Present**

Mr. Felix Briones, Jr., Chair  
Judge Thomas Donnelly  
Ms. Francesca Martinez Estevez  
Mr. Joe Gant III  
Ms. Lori Hartley  
Mr. Charles Lanier (Vice Chair)  
Mr. Eluid Martinez  
Ms. Josephine Mitchell  
Ms. Joy Fresquez Mynatt  
Ms. Julia Seligman  
Dr. John Smoker

**Absent**

Mr. Richard Alvidrez  
Mr. Jerry Armijo  
Ms. Debra Hicks  
Ms. Ruth Schifani

**Agenda**

- The Agenda was approved on the motion of Francesca Martinez Estevez and seconded by Thomas Donnelly.

**Minutes of February 24, 2006**

- The minutes (open meeting and executive session) of the February 24, 2006 meeting were approved, as written, on the motion of John Smoker and seconded by Charles Lanier.

**Announcements**

- JPEC members received a copy of the Judicial Standards Commission's 2005 Annual Report.
- Louise distributed the updated (February 2005) American Bar Association Guidelines for the Evaluation of Judicial Performance. Also, a copy of the American Judicature Society's article on *Judicial Performance Evaluation* dated June 8, 2005. Members want to follow up with Brian Sanderoff on the different narratives being done on judges and the types of questions being asked.
- Louise provided copies of sample narratives to the JPEC as examples for members to use when putting together the 2006 final narratives.
- JPEC members need to submit their travel expenses as soon as possible. The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching, 6/30/06.

**Legislative Budget for FY 08**

- JPEC reviewed the different options for the FY 08 budget, information on other JPE programs (Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Tennessee and Utah), proposed legislation on a non-reverting fund, and a timeline for seeking the funds. The JPEC needs the resources to do its mandate from the Supreme Court, improve judicial performance and provide the

JPEC request an annual appropriation of \$450,000 from the State Legislature for the JPE program, together with legislation for a non-reverting fund. Ms. Julia Seligman SECONDED the motion and it PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Ms. Baca asked JPEC members to identify for her which legislators they are willing to meet with on the FY 08 budget.

- Felix Briones is scheduled to meet with Chief Justice Richard Bosson and Justice Edward Chavez on June 23, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

#### **District Court Judges' Evaluations**

- The JPEC reviewed and signed off on the Interim Evaluations Reports for Judges Deborah Davis Walker, James Hall, Daniel Sanchez, Barbara Vigil, Tim Garcia, and Michael Vigil.
- The JPEC reviewed the Interim Evaluation Reports for Judge Stephen Pfeffer, Eugenio Mathis, and Sam Sanchez.

#### **2006 Appellate Court Judges' Evaluations**

- The JPEC conducted interviews in Santa Fe with Justices Edward Chavez, Pamela Minzner, and Petra Maes and with Court of Appeals Judges Cynthia Fry, Lynn Pickard, James Wechsler, and Michael Bustamante.
- The Interim Evaluation Reports and Final Narratives are due to Louise on May 8, 2006. Mr. Briones encouraged members to abide by the deadline.
- The interview with Judge Celia Foy Castillo has been rescheduled to June 23, 2006.

#### **2006 Metropolitan Court Judges' Evaluations**

- Interviews are scheduled for May 18-19, 2006 in Albuquerque
- The interview with Judge Sharon Walton and Judge Theresa Gomez has been rescheduled to June 23, 2006.

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

We have scheduled the next meeting for May 18-19, 2006 in Albuquerque at the State Bar of New Mexico.

Minutes prepared by:

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