

**MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMISSION (JPEC)
May 30, 2008**

Commission Members

Present

Mr. Richard Alvidrez
Felix Briones, Jr.
Ms. Barbara Castillo-Velarde
Ms. Lori Hartley
Mr. Eluid Martinez
Ms. Josephine Mitchell
Mr. Regis Pecos
Ms. Ruth Schifani
Ms. Leonila Duran Serna

Absent

Mr. Avilio Chavez
Ms. Francesca Martinez Estevez
Ms. Phyllis Dominguez
Justice Gene Franchini
Mr. Joe Gant

Agenda

- Josephine Mitchell MOVED that JPEC accept the Agenda. Richard Alvidrez SECONDED the motion and it passed unanimously

Minutes of April 25, 2008

- Josephine Mitchell MOVED that JPEC accept the minutes of April 25, 2008 as written. Leonila Duran Serna SECONDED the motion and it passed unanimously.

Announcements

- Mr. Briones reported that he had provided information to the National Law Journal for an upcoming article on judicial performance evaluation programs, which includes New Mexico. Mr. Briones asked Louise to forward the article to JPEC members when available.
- Mr. Briones asked Louise to place for future discussion JPEC's policy on meeting with others.

2008 District Court Judges' Final Evaluations

- JPEC discussed and took action on the biographical and/or evaluation changes suggested by Judges Louis McDonald, Grant L. Foutz, Valerie Huling, Monica Zamora and Lisa Shultz.
- The JPEC reviewed and discussed edits by Research & Polling to the narratives and/or recommendations for the following judges:
 - √ √ 2nd District - Judges John Romero, Ross Sanchez, Denise Barela-Shepherd, Linda Vanzi, Deborah Davis Walker, William Lang, Stan Whitaker, and Richard Knowles.
 - √ 1st District - Judges Tim Garcia, James Hall, Raymond Ortiz, Steven Pfeffer, Daniel Sanchez, Barbara Vigil, and Michael Vigil

- √ 4th District - Abigail Aragon and Eugenio Mathis
- √ 8th District - John Paternoster and Sam Sanchez
- Richard Alvidrez MOVED that the name of the judge should reflect the same name filed with the Secretary of State's Office. Josephine Mitchell SECONDED the motion and it PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2008 Appellate Court Judges Evaluations

- The JPEC conducted interviews in Santa Fe with Justice Patricio M. Serna and Judges Ira S. Robinson, Roderick Kennedy, Jonathan Sutin, and Michael Vigil.
- JPEC received a letter from Chief Judge Jonathan Sutin dated 4/23/08 on Court of Appeals authorship changes.
- The draft narratives and interim evaluations for the appellate judges are due to Louise on or before 6/12/08.

2008 Retention Activities

- The press conference scheduled for September 18, 2008, Second Judicial District, Albuquerque, at 10:00 a.m.
- Patti Watson will present at JPEC's July meeting on the 2008 retention activities planned.
- Upon request, presentations before civic and professional organizations will be scheduled for JPEC members.
- JPEC will issue a "No Recommendation" for Judge Thomas Rutledge who has served on the bench for less than two years but has participated in a partisan election.

Next Scheduled Meeting

We have scheduled the next meeting for June 27, 2008, State Bar of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Minutes prepared by:

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