



**MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMISSION (JPEC)**  
**May 21, 2010, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Judicial Information Division, Santa Fe, New Mexico**

- I. **Welcome** - Co-Chair Felix Briones called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and a quorum was present. The following members attended the meeting:

**Members Present:**

Mr. Felix Briones, Jr. (Co-Chair)  
Denise M. Torres (Co-Chair)  
Ms. Barbara Castillo-Velarde  
Mr. Avilio Chavez  
Ms. Karen Cortese  
Ms. Phyllis Dominguez (attended a portion of meeting by telephone)  
Ms. Francesca Martinez Estevez  
Mr. Patrick Freeman  
Mr. Joe Gant  
Mr. James Hall  
Ms. Lori Hartley  
Ms. Lorri McKnight  
Mr. Regis Pecos  
Ms. Ruth Schifani  
Ms. Leonila Duran Serna

**Others Present:**

Louise Baca-Sena, Staff  
Carmen Rodriguez, Staff

- II **Agenda** - Barbara Castillo-Velarde moved the approval of the amended agenda, seconded by Francesca Martinez Estevez, and the motion carried with no objections.
- III **Discussion, Consideration and Action on Minutes of April 29 and 30, 2010** - Co-Chair Felix Briones laid out the minutes of the prior meeting and asked for changes. None were offered, and Ruth Schifani moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Avilio Chavez seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV Announcements**

- Louise asked JPEC members to place on their calendar a tentative press conference for September 17, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, Albuquerque.
- A collection was taken to provide coffee and pastries at future JPEC meetings.
- Mr. Briones reported that a reporter from the Santa Fe Reporter contacted him for information on the upcoming election of judges. Apparently there is a lot of interest on judges. The reporter wanted to know whether the JPEC puts a lot of value or weight on attorneys. Louise will circulate the article to the JPEC.

**V 2010 Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judges' Evaluations**

- JPEC reviewed and discussed the draft narratives for Judges Julie Altwies, Rosie Allred, Edward Benavidez, Benjamin Chavez, Sandra Clinton, Maria Dominguez, Sandra Engel, Kevin Fitzwater, Cristina Jaramillo, Judith Nakamura, Daniel Ramczyk, Linda Rogers, Frank Sedillo, Victor Valdez, Rachael Walker Al-Yasi, and Sharon Walton.

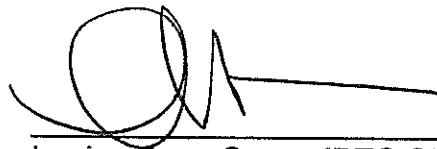
**VI 2010 Appellate Court Judges' Evaluations**

- JPEC interviewed the following appellate judges on May 21, 2010: Charles Daniels, Petra J. Maes, Michael Bustamante, Celia Foy Castillo, and James Wechsler.
- Draft narratives and interim evaluation report due to Louise on or before June 9, 2010.

**VII Next Meeting** - The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2010, State Bar of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

**VIII Adjourn** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



Louise Baca-Sena, JPEC Staff