



MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMISSION (JPEC)

June 25, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

State Bar of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 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
Ms. Francesca Martinez Estevez
Mr. Patrick Freeman
Mr. Joe Gant
Mr. James Hall
Ms. Lori Hartley
Ms. Lorri McKnight

Members Absent

Mr. Regis Pecos
Ms. Leonila Duran Serna
Ms. Ruth Schifani

AOC Staff

Louise Baca-Sena
Carmen Rodriguez

- II. **Agenda** - Francesca Martinez-Estevez moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Avilio Chavez, and the motion carried with no objections.
- III. **Consideration and Action on Minutes of May 21, 2010:** Co-Chair Felix Briones laid out the minutes of the prior meeting and asked for changes. None were offered, and Avilio Chavez moved to approve the minutes as drafted. James Hall seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. **Announcements**
- Mr. Briones reported that the presentation made to the judges at the Judicial Conclave was well received.
 - Louise reported that the Secretary of State will direct voters to JPEC's website for information on the appellate and metropolitan court judges in its 2010 General Election Voter's Guide.

V 2010 Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judges' Evaluations

- Brad Morrison, Research & Polling, reviewed with the JPEC suggested changes to the metropolitan court judges' narratives.
- After much discussion, Phyllis Dominguez MOVED that JPEC include the 1s and the 2s in the judges' narratives. Barbara Castillo-Velarde SECONDED the motion and it PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- With permission from JPEC, Louise will circulate the footnote for the metro court judges' narratives prepared by Research & Polling to JPEC for review and approval.
- The JPEC took action on the content of the proposed narratives for the following metropolitan court 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, Rachel Walker Al-Yasi, and Sharon Walton
- Louise reported that the narratives will be mailed to the metropolitan court judges for review and comment on the biographical information.

VI 2010 Appellate Court Judges' Evaluations

- JPEC took action on the narrative recommendation for the following appellate judges: Charles Daniels, Petra J. Maes, Michael Bustamante, and Celia Foy Castillo.
- Lorri McKnight moved that the JPEC adopt the Interim Evaluation Report as amended for Judge James Wechsler. Lori Hartley SECONDED the motion and it PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- JPEC interviewed Justice Edward Chavez and Judge Cynthia Fry.
- Draft interim evaluation reports for Justice Chavez and Judge Fry due to Louise on or before July 14, 2010.

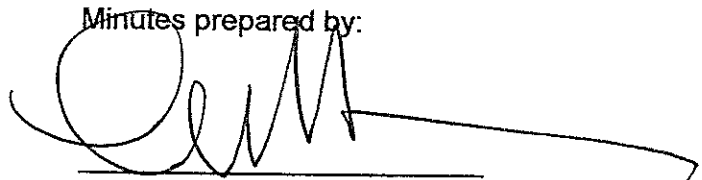
VII 2010 Retention Activities

- An invitation to the News Conference has been sent to all the appellate court judges and metropolitan court judges.
- Patti Watson submitted draft radio scripts and Facebook plan to Mr. Briones and Ms. Torres for review and approval.

VIII Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2010, State Bar of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

IX Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:



Louise Baca-Sena, JPEC Staff