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TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION
MINUTES

June 28, 2018, 1:30 PM

State Treasurers' Conference Room
1st Floor, Richard H. Austin Building
430 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48922

Commission Members Present:

Judge Thomas Boyd, Judge James M. Alexander, Judge Michelle Appel, Michael Bosanac, Eric R. DeLong, Todd A. Drysdale, Judge Beth Ann Gibson, Milton L. Mack, Richard Poling, Thomas C. Rombach, Shannon Schlegel, and Valerie Ann Thornburg,

Commission Members Absent:

The absences of Shauna Dunnings and Patrick Williams were excused.

I. Call to Order

Tom Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mike Bosanac to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by Jim Alexander. The agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment

Members of the public were invited to address the Commission at this meeting, but no one commented.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Milt Mack to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 26, 2018, as presented. The motion was supported by Valerie Thornburg. The minutes were unanimously approved.

V. Welcome and Chair's Report

Chair Boyd introduced three speakers who were invited to share information with the Commission at this meeting: Jeff Shorba, State Court Administrator of Minnesota;

"If I had 20 days to solve a problem, I would take 19 days to define it." Albert Einstein

Marcus Reinkensmeyer, Director of Court Services for the Administrative Office of the Courts, Supreme Court of Arizona; and John VanNorman, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, Supreme Court of Ohio.

Chair Boyd discussed envisioning the Commission's approach and progress going forward. He recapped the Workgroups of the Commission that are in place to identify problems and to understanding how trial courts are funded and how they should be funded. The Workgroups have gathered information and measured differences to identify what the Commission can realistically expect to accomplish and recognize information that will allow for meaningful recommendations when the Commission concludes.

VI. Presentations

Jeff Shorba provided a PowerPoint presentation describing how Minnesota's Judicial Branch went through transitions and transformations over the years. He said that Minnesota's Judicial Branch has been state-funded for 13 years now, but that its counties typically are responsible for building and security costs; however, other incurred expenses are negotiated with the state. He further discussed the organizational structure, judicial districts, administrative structure, Minnesota's Court Administrator's Office, court reform milestones, strained relationships, funding, governance philosophy, and goals they achieved.

Marcus Reinkensmeyer provided a PowerPoint presentation describing Arizona Trial Court's funding strategies where the courts are not state-funded. He covered the guiding principles for court funding, described the Arizona State Judicial Branch, Arizona's hybrid funding system, strengths and weakness of the Arizona system, its court order enforcement and collections program, and the roles and responsibilities of the municipal court governance. Arizona also has a program named FARE: Fines/Fees and Restitution Enforcement Program.

John Van Norman spoke to the Commission and noted that information pertaining to the Courts in Ohio can be found on their Website at www.supremecourt.ohio.com. He said that Ohio was not a unified Judiciary. He discussed Ohio's judicial system structure, the court of appeals, trial courts, and court of claims. He said that the Supreme Court of Ohio began in 1802 and its historical timeline is on their Website. The Supreme Court of Ohio budget accounts for more than \$146 million, which is used to support the operation of its Moyer judicial Center, home to the Supreme Court, as well as the payment of the salaries of Ohio judges and courts of appeals staff. He referred to a recommendation for state-funding on their Website.

VII. Old Business

Data & Information Gathering Workgroup: Milt Mack presented a chart the Workgroup drafted. The chart measures where we're at. Topics include pre-meeting action items, project milestones, and public meeting summaries. The chart is expected to continue updates going forward. After discussion, a motion was made by Jim Alexander to move forward with this project and chart. The motion was supported by Richard Poling. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Principles & Values Workgroup: Beth Ann Gibson presented a document the Workgroup developed with Public Sector Consultants (PSC). They reported on surveying all Commission members on topics relating to judicial independence, streamlining operations, equity and inclusion, reasonable, necessary and sustainable funding, uniform funding, court professionalism, and preservation of procedural due process. Beth Ann Gibson noted the PSC document captures unique concepts. The Commission studied and discussed the document results.

VIII. New Business

No information reported.

IX. Commissioners Good and Welfare

No information reported.

X. Adjournment

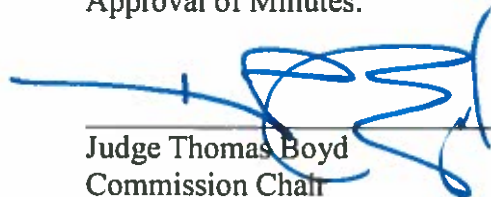
The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM. The next meeting is August 23, 2018 at 1:30 PM in the State Treasurers' Board Room, 1st Floor, Austin Building, Lansing, Michigan 48922.

Respectively Submitted,



Wendy Lampher
Assistant to the Commission

Approval of Minutes:



Judge Thomas Boyd
Commission Chair

Date August 23, 2018