

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING**

March 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**Utah Law & Justice Center
645 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, Utah**

Present:

Rep. Brian King, Chair
James Jardine
Tami King
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Kraig Powell
Lois Richins
Hon. Stephen Roth
Hon. Todd Shaughnessy
Sen. Stephen Urquhart
Terry Welch

Excused:

Staff:

Colin Winchester
Aimee Thoman
Sara Sherman

1. Welcome. Rep. King welcomed the Commissioners and staff to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion: Mr. Jardine To approve the Minutes of the public portion of the
January 19, 2016, meeting as distributed.

Second: Judge Roth

Vote: Unanimous

3. Budget. Mr. Winchester reviewed the budget information through February 29, noting that 64.0% of the fiscal year had elapsed and 66.0% of the appropriated funds had been spent. Mr. Winchester reported that the Commission's appropriation for FY17 is \$251,100, which is \$700 less than the appropriation for FY16.

4. Statistical Report. Mr. Winchester reviewed the statistical report.

Number of complaints filed to date in FY16	68
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	0
Number of cases pending before the Commission	0
Number of cases under full investigation	3
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	25
Total number of open files	28

Mr. Welch arrived at the meeting.

5. **Commissioners' Terms of Office.** Ms. Richins's current term will expire on June 30; she is not eligible for re-appointment. The following Commissioners' current terms will also expire on June 30, with each expressing a desire to be re-appointed: Rep. King, Judge Roth, Judge Shaughnessy and Mr. Jardine. The Governor has not yet appointed a Commissioner to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Behunin's resignation.
6. **Legislative Update.** The Commissioners discussed several bills that affect the judiciary, including: SB42 (Public Notice of Court Recording), HB160 Third Substitute (Justice Court Amendments), and HB91 (Interest Rate Amendments). Other than the Commission's appropriation, there were no bills that directly affect the Commission or its operations.
7. **Closure of Meeting.**

Motion:	Mr. Welch	To close the meeting to the public for the purpose of discussing: the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; or investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.
Second:	Ms. Richins	
Vote:	Unanimous	

At the conclusion of the confidential portion of the meeting, the meeting was re-opened to the public.

8. **Next Meeting.** The next Commission meeting will be held at the Utah Law & Justice Center on May 17, 2016, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
9. **Adjournment.**

Motion:	Ms. Richins	To adjourn.
Second:	Rep. Powell	