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Minutes of January 17, 2023, Legislative Committee Meeting

Approved by the Legislative Committee at their meeting on October 3, 2023.

The Legislative Committee of the Clerk of Courts Operation Corporation (CCOC) held a meeting at the AC Marriott on January 17, 2023. An agenda and materials were distributed before the meeting and posted on the CCOC website. Provided below is a summary of staff notes from the meeting. These staff notes are designed to document committee action, not to be a complete record of committee discussions. All motions adopted by the committee are in **bold** text. All action items based on committee direction are in **red** and bold **text**.

1. Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Approve Agenda

Clerk Stacy Butterfield, Legislative Committee Chair, called the meeting to order. Marleni Bruner, CCOC Performance, Policy, and Education Director, conducted the roll call.

Present for meeting: Honorable Stacy Butterfield, Chair; Honorable Barry Baker; Honorable Doug Chorvat; Honorable Angel Colonneso; Honorable Kevin Karnes; Honorable Crystal Kinzel; Honorable Michelle Miller; Honorable Gwendolyn Marshall Knight; Honorable Victoria Rogers; Honorable Clay Rooks; Honorable Laura Roth; Honorable Rachel Sadoff; Honorable Donald Spencer; Honorable Cindy Stuart; Honorable Carolyn Timmann; Honorable Angela Vick

Absent from the meeting: Honorable Joseph Abruzzo; Honorable Gary Cooney; Honorable Nadia Daughtrey; Honorable Tara Green; Honorable Kevin Madok;

Clerk Vick motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Clerk Sadoff. The motion was adopted.

Agenda Item 2 – Approve Minutes from September 7, 2022, Meeting

Clerk Miller motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Clerk Baker. The motion was adopted.

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3. Agenda Item 3 - Statutorily Required Funding Recommendations

Jason L. Welty, CCOC Deputy Executive Director, presented the Statutorily Required Funding Recommendations draft report to the committee. As part of its 2022 legislative agenda, the clerks requested the Legislature to amend s. 28.35, F.S., to allow CCOC to recommend changes to the distribution of the various court-related fines, fees, service charges, and costs established by law. The prior law only allowed recommendations relating to the amounts of the various court-related fines, fees, service charges, and costs established by law.

This report provides two sections: recommendations for the distribution of the fines and fees as well as the amounts of the fines and fees. Mr. Welty covered the various sections of the report, and clerks made recommendations for modification of the draft report. The committee agreed to several modifications of the report, with additional revisions necessary to finalize it before presenting it to the Executive Council.

Clerk Marshall Knight motioned to modify the report as discussed, send the modified report to the committee for comments for one week, delegate authority to the Chair to finalize the report, and send it to the Executive Council for approval at the February meeting. Clerk Sadoff seconded the motion. The committee adopted the motion.

4. Agenda Item 4 - Jury Funding

Mr. Welty went over the potential deficit in juror management funds from the recurring and nonrecurring General Revenue the Legislature provides to the clerks. Given the increasing demand each quarter for jury reimbursement requests, the committee discussed asking the Legislature for an increase in juror management funding for the upcoming legislative session.

Clerk Vick motioned to bring forward a Legislative Budget Request for additional juror management funding, seconded by Clerk Miller. The motion was adopted.

5. Agenda Item 6 - Other Business

No other business

Without further comments, the Legislative Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:30PM.