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Meeting of the Conference of Circuit Judges

A meeting of the Conference of Circuit Judges was held Monday, November 18, 2024, via Zoom for Government, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present

Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrión, Chair
Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Vice Chair

Hon. James A. Bonifant

~~Hon. Donine M. Carrington Martin~~

Hon. DaNeeka V. Cotton

Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin

~~Hon. William W. Davis, Jr.~~

Hon. Jeffrey S. Getty

~~Hon. Stacy A. Mayer~~

Stephanie Medina

~~Hon. Dana M. Middleton~~

Hon. Vicki M. Pauler

~~Hon. Richard J. Sandy~~

Hon. S. James Sarbanes

~~Hon. Brenda A. Sexton~~

Hon. Brian D. Shockley

Hon. Richard R. Trunnell

~~Hon. Kevin R. Tucker~~

Also, Present:

Melissa Canada (staff)

Nancy Faulkner

Kelley O'Connor

Suzanne Pelz

Amanda Purnell

Will Vormelker

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes – Hon. Audrey J.S. Carrión

Judge Audrey J.S. Carrión opened with a reminder that the meeting was being livestreamed for the public to view. She moved for approval of the meeting minutes from September 23, 2024. Judge Jeffrey S. Getty made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Judge Brian D. Shockley. After hearing no objections, the amended minutes were approved.

2. Brief Discussion of Expanded *Voir Dire* Pilot Project – Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrión

A meeting was held with Chief Justice Matthew J. Fader, Hon. Laura S. Ripken, and judges

from the eight circuits who will participate in a pilot voir dire program. An advisory board is developing 4 – 5 different options on how to conduct expanded voir dire, to include how the data will be collected for analysis. Judges who are not participating in the pilot program will continue to be involved in the evaluations comparing traditional courtroom procedure with those of the pilots.

3. 2025 Conference Elections – *Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrión*

The two-year term for elected members from each circuit on the Conference of Circuit Judges will end on December 31, 2024. Please notify Nancy Faulkner of your newly elected circuit representative.

4. For the Good of the Order

Having no further items to discuss, the meeting ended at 9:38 am. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 27, 2025, via Zoom, beginning at 9:30 a.m.