



Minutes

Supreme Court's Office of Legal Services Innovation Committee

Administrative Office of the Courts
450 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Held via Zoom
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John Lund – <i>Chair</i>	Present	Lucy Ricca	Present
Nathanael Player – <i>Vice Chair</i>	Present	Rebecca Sandefur	Present
Ciriack Alvarez Valle	Excused	Elizabeth Wright – <i>Ex Officio</i>	Present
Lindsey Brandt	Present	Nick Stiles – <i>Staff</i>	Present
Megan Connelly	Present	Andrea Donahue – <i>Staff</i>	Present
Nick Hafen – <i>Recording Secretary</i>	Present	Will Pelletiers – <i>Staff</i>	Present
Christopher Martinez	Present	Tanya Rosado – <i>Staff</i>	Present
Alyson McAllister	Present	Tucker Samuelsen – <i>Staff</i>	Present
John Rees	Present		

GUESTS

Hayley Cousin	Tamarin Lindenberg
Robert Douglas	Ana Paula Montanha
Gabriela Elizondo-Craig	Nadiyanrula
Emily Floreen	Hendrik Pretorius
Natalie Knowlton	Noella Sudbury

1. DISCUSSION

Welcome & Public Comment

John Lund

John Lund welcomed the Committee and public and opened the public comment period.

Gabriela Elizondo-Craig of the Innovation for Justice lab at the University of Utah and University of Arizona explained the Community Justice Advocates of Utah (CJAU) program, which has applied for sandbox approval. Under the proposal, CJAU would work with community organizations to train non-lawyer professionals in those organizations to provide limited legal services to low-income Utahns.

Hayley Cousin of CJAU expressed her support for the application.

Ana Paula Montanha of Hayman-Woodward Human Capital LLP, an authorized entity, requested further information from the Committee on the Supreme Court's direction to pause immigration-related applications.

Noella Sudbury of Rasa Legal, an authorized entity, requested the Committee provide an update on licensure and data reporting requirements.

Tamarin Lindenberg of Lindenberg Law Group, an authorized entity, requested the Committee provide an update on licensure.

Hendrik Pretorius of Boundless Immigration, an authorized entity, introduced himself.

2. VOTE

Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes

John Lund

Mr. Lund invited a motion for approval of the June 2024 minutes.

Lindsey Brandt moved to approve the minutes, and John Rees seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION & VOTE

Application: Community Justice Advocates of Utah

Tanya Rosado &
Alyson McAllister

Tanya Rosado summarized CJAU's application and its proposed training and certification process.

Ms. Cousin of CJAU answered questions from the Committee, explaining that CJAU's partner organizations will have to independently qualify for Sandbox authorization. CJAU will vet the organizations and report the required data to the Committee. If a certified individual leaves a partner organization, CJAU will inform the organization it is no longer authorized to provide those legal services.

Mr. Lund invited **Alyson McAllister** to present the Applications Working Group's recommendation. **Ms. McAllister** noted the Working Group recommends approving the application.

Ms. McAllister moved to recommend the Court approve the application, and Rebecca Sandefur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Following this discussion, Lindsey Brandt moved for the Committee to enter a closed session, and the Committee closed the meeting.

4. VOTE

Closed Session Items

No action was taken on closed session items.

5. VOTE

Immigration Policy
Inquiries from Applicants

**John Lund, Nathanael
Player & Lucy Ricca**

Nathanael Player and **Ms. Ricca** described the proposal to suspend consideration of applications from for-profit entities providing immigration legal services. The Committee does not have the regulatory resources to handle the high number of national entities seeking authorization. This policy would not affect nonprofit entities or currently authorized entities. In response to questions from applicants, Ms. Ricca will revise the proposal to recommend that entities affected by this policy that have already submitted applications be able to amend their applications or receive a refund.

Ms. Ricca moved to approve the draft memorandum recommendation for the Court with revisions clarifying existing applicants' ability to amend their applications or be refunded. Mr. Player seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rebecca Sandefur abstained from the vote.

6. DISCUSSION & VOTE

Jurisdictional Question

**John Lund, Nathanael
Player & Lucy Ricca**

Ms. Ricca explained that the Court has asked the Committee to analyze the cross-border implications of authorizing entities in the Sandbox. **Ms. Ricca** presented a draft memorandum explaining the long-standing issues complicating the provision of cross-border legal services. Authorized entities should be aware that the Utah Sandbox does not authorize services outside of Utah.

Mr. Player moved to approve the draft memorandum for the Court, and Ms. Sandefur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

