

# **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, August 6, 2024 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

		Gordon Smith	Present
Nathanael Player — Vice Chair	Present	Elizabeth Wright – Ex Officio	Present
Lindsey Brandt	Excused	Nick Stiles – Staff	Excused
Megan Connelly	Present	Andrea Donahue – Staff	Present
Nick Hafen – Recording Secretary	Present	Will Pelletiers – Staff	Present
Christopher Martinez	Excused	Tanya Rosado – Staff	Present
Alyson McAllister	Present	Tucker Samuelsen – Staff	Excused
Lucy Ricca	Present	Ciriac Alvarez Valle	Excused
Rebecca Sandefur	Excused		

### **GUESTS**

Jessica Bednarz Emily Floreen
Tyler Call Natalie Knowlton
Logan Cornett Ana Paula Montanha
Robert Douglas David Purnell

### 1. DISCUSSION

### **Welcome & Public Comment**

Nathanael Player

**Nathanael Player** welcomed the Committee and public and noted that **John Lund**, the Committee chair, has resigned for personal reasons.

**Tyler Call** requested an update on the expected timeline for reopening of the application review process on behalf of a Sandbox applicant. **Mr. Player** explained that the Court had paused applications pending its request that the Committee review certain aspects of the Sandbox. Andrea Donahue explained that it is anticipated that applications would remain paused at least until the end of August and that applicants would be notified when more information is available.

John Rees moved to enter closed session, and Alyson McAllister seconded the motion. The Committee entered closed session.

#### 2. VOTE

# **Approval of July Meeting Minutes**

Nathanael Player

Due to lack of a quorum, this agenda item was tabled for the September meeting.

#### 3. VOTE

### **Closed Session Items**

Gordon Smith moved to support the memorandum discussed in closed session. The motion was approved 5-0.

John Rees moved to suspend the authorization of the entity discussed in closed session. The motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Rees moved to terminate the authorization of the entity discussed in closed session. The motion was approved 5-0.

## 4. DISCUSSION

### Conflict of Interest

**Andrea Donahue** 

**Ms. Donahue** informed the Committee that the Office has prepared new conflict of interest forms for Committee members, pending the new requirements in the proposed rule.

### REPORT

# **Applications Working Group & Program Director**

Vetting and Withdrawal

**Andrea Donahue** 

Ms. Donahue explained that the question arose during the applications working group meeting as to whether licensed Utah attorneys should be required to undergo the background check requirement for controlling and financing persons of Sandbox applicants, similar to the Arizona ABS model. Discussion on this item was tabled due to time constraints.