



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. SARAH L. LIGHTNER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

12:00 PM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lightner.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Lightner, Yaroch, Green, C.A. Johnson, T. Carter, and Brabec.

Absent: Rep. Borton.

Excused: Rep. Borton.

Representative Yaroch moved to amend the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting day and time to Tuesdays at 12:00 noon.

The motion prevailed 4-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Yaroch, T. Carter, and Brabec.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative T. Carter moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 22, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Bridget Mary McCormack, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of the FY 2022-23 Judiciary budget request. In addition, she discussed Judicial branch goals, recent accomplishments, new justice system initiatives, and Judiciary budget priorities. She talked about how budget priorities continue long-term goals of the Judicial branch - independence, accessibility, accountability, efficiency, and engagement. Questions and answers followed.

Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Elizabeth L. Gleicher, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss her goals for the Court of Appeals, including mandatory continuing education and online tools for self-litigation, especially for individuals that cannot afford legal representation. She discussed previous year case filings, case dispositions, and the time

frames in which different types of cases were handled. Questions and answers followed.

Representative Green moved to excuse Representative Borton from the meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Lightner adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.

Representative Sarah Lightner, Chair

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