



STATE OF WISCONSIN – JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE WISCONSIN JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
MADISON, WISCONSIN  
January 16, 2026

The Judicial Council met at 9:30 a.m. on January 16, 2026 in Room 328NW.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair William Gleisner; Vice Chair Margo Kirchner; Justice Brian Hagedorn; Judge Audrey Skwierawski (by phone); Judge Kristine Snow; AAG Samir Jaber (by phone) Professor Lanny Glinberg (by phone); Sarah Barber; Rebecca Maki-Wallandar (by phone); Molly McNab; Tom Shriner; Senator Van Wanggaard (by phone); Judge Rachel Graham (by phone), Judge Beverly Wickstrom (by phone), and Sarah Zylstra.

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Judge Eugene Gasiorkiewicz; Saveon Grenell; Rep. Ron Tusler; Judge Ryan Nilsestuen; Judge Emily Lonergan

**1) Roll Call and Approval of Minutes.**

Roll call and quorum was confirmed by Chair Gleisner. Approval of the Council's 8/12/25 Meeting Minutes was addressed first. Attorney Zylstra requested to strike language on page 3 that made no substantive change to the minutes. There was no opposition and Chair Gleisner struck the language. Attorney Zylstra moved to approve the minutes. Judge Snow seconded the motion. Vote was taken and none opposed. The 8/12/25 minutes were approved as amended.

The Chair moved on to approval of the Council's 12/9/25 Meeting Minutes. Attorney Zylstra asked to clarify if the Executive Committee is the only committee with oversight of the Staff Attorney position, not the Selection Committee. Chair Gleisner confirmed it was only the Executive Committee who holds such authority. Attorney Zylstra moved to approve the minutes. Attorney Shriner seconded. Vote was taken and none opposed. The 12/9/25 minutes were approved.

**2) Municipal Court Interpreter Ad Hoc Committee**

Chair Gleisner addresses the creation of an ad hoc committee to answer the Wisconsin Supreme Court's suggestion in Supreme Court Order 24-02, specifically the study of issues related to access to qualified court interpreters in municipal courts. Chair Gleisner has requested Judge Snow chair the committee. Judge Snow accepts. Attorney Kirchner

indicates she has already received some referrals for municipal court judges to consider as ad hoc members, as well as representatives from Legal Action of Wisconsin. Chair Gleisner approves the creation of the committee and tasks Judge Snow with determining its members.

### **3) Introduction of new Staff Attorney**

Staff Attorney Natalie Zibolski started her position on January 12, 2026. She introduced herself to the council and distributed a handout. Attorney Zibolski outlined her anticipated 100-day transition plan and short term goals for the staff attorney position. Council members introduced themselves and welcomed Attorney Zibolski to the Council.

### **4) Introduction of new Council members**

New Council members AAG Samir Jabar and Judge Beverly Wickstrom were welcomed to the Council. Both were appointed by Chair Gleisner to the Evidence and Civil Procedure Committee.

### **5) Adjournment.**

Justice Hagedorn moved to adjourn. Attorney Zylstra seconded. Professor Glinberg had been experiencing technical issues and introduced himself prior to official adjournment. Vote was taken and none opposed.

Adjournment.

Minutes prepared by Attorney Zibolski