

Minutes

Public Service and Trust Commission
Committee on the Utilization of Judge Trial Referees
Policy Subcommittee

April 22, 2010
2:00 PM

The Policy Subcommittee of the Committee on the Utilization of Judge Trial Referees met at 2:00 PM in the chambers of the Hon. Marshall K. Berger, Jr., at 95 Washington Street, Hartford.

Subcommittee members in attendance: Hon. Arnold W. Aronson, Hon. Marshall K. Berger, Jr. (chair), Hon. Deborah Kochiss Frankel, Hon. Linda K. Lager, Hon. William J. Lavery, Hon. Aaron Ment, Hon. Joseph H. Pellegrino, Hon. William L. Wollenberg

The meeting was called to order by Judge Berger at 2:00 PM

1. Judge Berger welcomed the members of the subcommittee.
2. Part of the subcommittee's charge was to review the proposal put forth by Judge Ment during the April 8, 2010 meeting of the Committee on the Utilization of Judge Trial Referees. Judge Berger outlined three areas of the proposal that the subcommittee needed to address: who was to be on the committee, the functions of the committee, and the process to be used by the committee.
3. A discussion ensued regarding who was to be on the committee. The subcommittee unanimously agreed that the committee would be comprised of three individuals with the Deputy Chief Court Administrator as the chair of the committee. The subcommittee next discussed whether the remaining members would both be judges or if one would be a judge trial referee. The subcommittee voted 7-1 (Judge Aronson against) that the composition of the committee would be one judge and one judge trial referee, to be selected by the Chief Court Administrator. Two alternates (one judge and one judge trial referee) will also be selected by the Chief Court Administrator. The subcommittee unanimously agreed that the members would serve staggered two year term limits, with the Chief Court Administrator deciding which initial members would serve one year and which would serve two years. No member would be permitted to serve more than two 2-year terms.
4. A discussion ensued regarding the function of the committee. Following the discussion, the subcommittee voted 5-3 (Judges Berger, Lager and Wollenberg against) to limit the scope of the committee to the redesignation process.

5. A discussion ensued regarding the process to be used by the committee. The subcommittee unanimously agreed with the process drafted by Judge Ment, which will be further developed by Judge Ment and Judge Wollenberg.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM