

NH Citizens Commission on State Courts  
Full Commission Meeting Minutes  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
One Noble Drive, Concord, NH  
May 15, 2006

The meeting was opened by Will Abbott, Co-chair of the citizens commission. He welcomed Chief Justice Broderick to speak to the commissioners.

The Chief Justice thanked everyone involved with the commission and stated he has intentionally stayed away from meetings so as not to influence anyone. He mentioned that the change going forward is enormous and there was extraordinary work done by the commission. He has been following the progress via the web site ([www.nhcitcourts.org](http://www.nhcitcourts.org)) and is very impressed with the results.

The Chief Justice mentioned a retreat that court personnel are attending on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and the commission's draft report will be reviewed at that time. Eric Herr, Chairman of the Courts as a Business Research Committee has been asked to speak at this event on management issues and team building strategies. Kathy Eneguess and Will Abbott have been asked to speak as well regarding their roles as chairs of this commission.

The Chief Justice closed his talk by stating that he would like to see the commissioners stay involved and active and that he is looking forward to seeing the final report when it is released in June.

Will stated that the appendices were not emailed out as originally planned. They will be sent out in the next few days to all commissioners.

He stated that the Steering Committee went through the draft report at its April meeting page by page as to specific content issues. The next phase is the editor, Lois Shea, will go through the report and then it will go to print sometime in the beginning of June. It is about a 2 week process for the editor and another 2 weeks for the printer. At some point in mid-June the report will be released. Before the commissioners leave this meeting, the editorial issues need to be resolved.

Each recommendation was gone through and any comments or errors noted and changed as needed. It was mentioned to the commissioners that if they see any typos to please email Julie Morris so they can be corrected.

Recommendation number five will be re-written by Eric Herr and Will Abbott as agreed upon by the commissioners.

It was suggested that a final proof be emailed to all commissioners before it goes to the editor. Once the report is at the printers a date will be set for the report to be presented. A press conference will be held with the Chief Justice and the citizens commission.

The final report will be distributed in electronic as well as hard copy format. Approximately 1,000 copies will be printed and distributed to the Commissioners, Legislature, Governor, Executive Council and others.

The commission web site will need to stay up and active for some time after the report is presented. A copy of the final report will be available on the web once it is released. Julie will check into the cost of maintaining the web site for an indefinite amount of time, possibly six months or a year. It was recommended that this document be available in pdf format or a locked word document.

A vote was taken and passed to accept the draft as it stands today. Commissioners can email any objections to Julie once they see the final draft.

Will spoke regarding a list of all members of the commission. He suggested it be alphabetical and list only their name and town they reside in. It would just take up too much space to have a biography of each commissioner. Also, if they are associated with the judiciary, he suggested putting an asterisk beside their name. It was agreed that each attorney would be listed as Esquire and each judge and legislator as Honorable on the report.

A commissioner questioned whether those members who have not participated in meetings should continue to be named in the final report. It was decided that if they had formally resigned they would not be listed.

Will mentioned that another meeting date has not been scheduled and one is not planned. Within the next few days the appendices and the public input information that Paul Clements tabulated will be emailed to all commissioners. A draft copy will be sent once Lois edits this draft from today's meeting. An email will be sent to all commissioners once the final draft has gone to print and a date for the press conference has been set.

There was a standing ovation by all commissioners for the work that Kathy Eneguess, Will Abbott and Julie Morris have done.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Morris  
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NH Citizens Commission on State Courts