STATE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

MINUTES – May 5, 2021

Roll Call taken at 12:03 p.m. All commission members in attendance by telephone conference call.

I. Kathy Law called our meeting to order and welcomed our four new commissioners: Dustin Graber, Cheryl Hanson, Derek Muller and Quentin Stanerson.

II. Minutes from the March 6, 2020, meeting were considered with revisions. Gray motioned and Spies seconded approval of the minutes as revised. Motion passed unanimously.

III. The statutory deadline for the commission to provide 3 candidates to the Governor for consideration is June 26, 2021. Public interview dates were discussed at length. Through the process of elimination, it was determined that June 24 & 25, 2021, were the dates that provided the opportunity for the maximum number of commissioners to participate. Goodman moved and Gray seconded to reserve June 24 & 25 for public interviews. Motion carried with nays by Bevel and Graber due to scheduling conflicts.

IV. The earliest the application period could close is May 21, 2021. Timing regarding public comment was discussed. Goodman moved and Spies seconded that the application deadline be Thursday, June 10, 2021. Motion carried with Graber voting nay.

V. Court Administration has old files related to commission matters they are wanting to purge. Goodman, Law and Huitink will work with the Court and review those files to determine what should be saved.

VI. The commission was contacted by a district court commission about including a signature block and certification language on the application itself. Spies moved and Graber seconded to add same to the application. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Law recommended each commissioner store all communication received regarding all candidates in some fashion to make it readily accessible in the event it is requested to be produced. Commissioners were also reminded that the statute requires any candidate to be able to serve one term plus 6 years before the age of 72.

Meeting adjourned: 12:57 p.m.