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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA

Organization: Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys
Subcommittee on Conference Programming

Date and Time of Meeting: May 21, 2024 • 9:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Virtual Meeting
Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#) (Microsoft Teams)
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Members Present

Mark Jackson, Douglas County District Attorney
Christopher Hicks, Washoe County District Attorney
Nell Christensen, Clark County Chief Deputy District Attorney

Staff Present

Michael K. Morton, Executive Director

Guests Present

Nick Graham, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**
 - *Chair Christensen called the meeting to order and Executive Director Morton took roll. All members were present or assigned a proxy.*
- 2. Public Comment.**
 - *Chair Christensen opened the floor for public comment. None was offered.*
- 3. Approval of minutes of April 23, 2024 meeting. (For possible action)** (Attachment 1 – Draft minutes from April 23, 2024 meeting).

- *Mark Jackson moved to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting. Chris Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. **Discussion on Sponsorship Availability for Previously Approved Speakers for Prosecutors’ Conference and Possible Vote on Certain Approvals for Payment Exceptions for such Speakers. (For possible action)**

- *Michael Morton briefed the Subcommittee on a request from Anthony Bandiero, a speaker at the 2024 Conference, to waive the sponsorship fee for a table in the registration area for his company (Blue to Gold), since he is speaking at the conference free of charge and is traveling to Las Vegas at his own expense for the Conference.*
- *Mark Jackson stated that he fully supported this request from Mr. Bandiero, and made a motion to waive the sponsorship fee as noted above. Chris Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

5. **Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Various Continuing Legal Education Programming Proposals for 2024 Prosecutors’ Conference. (For possible action)**

(Attachment 2 – Working agenda for 2024 Prosecutors’ Conference).

- *Michael Morton created a working agenda for the purposes of this meeting, and noted to the Subcommittee the timing changes he has made regarding the start time for the conference and Anthony Bandiero’s request to give his CLE presentation at the beginning of the Conference.*
- *Next, Michael Morton provided an update on a CLE proposal from Fara Gold, U.S. Department of Justice, that had not yet been approved by the Subcommittee. Mr. Morton noted that he distributed newly published guidance from the DOJ on best practices in domestic violence and sexual assault cases to the members of the Subcommittee the day before this meeting. Mark Jackson stated that he was impressed with the new guidance, noting the amount of prosecutors listed as contributors to the new publication, and made a motion to approve this CLE proposal for the Conference. Chris Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- *A brief discussion ensued regarding whether Fara Gold’s presentation could fill the ethics requirement for the State Bar, and Mr. Morton said he would go back to Ms. Gold with the Subcommittee’s requests for what her presentation should focus on, as it relates to the newly published DOJ Guidance.*
- *Michael Morton next provided an update on the prison credit presentation, noting that Jamie Stilz from the Attorney General’s Office has agreed to lead this presentation.*
- *Chris Hicks proposed that his office could fill the last open spot on the conference agenda with a CLE presentation on the Washoe County District Attorney’s new charging and plea bargaining policy, recently published by his office. Discussion among the members of the Subcommittee ensued, noting that the publication of this policy from the Washoe County DA’s Office has elicited a lot of questions from other offices across the State and the press, and that it would be a timely topic for this year’s Conference. The discussion also included debate on whether a portion of this presentation could count towards the State Bar’s ethics*

requirement. Chris Hicks also stated that Zach Young and Luke Prengaman would lead the presentation on this topic.

- *Mark Jackson moved to approve this topic for the 2024 Conference. Chris Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- *Michael Morton then went through the entire agenda from a logistical point of view, including registration, opening remarks, and updates on speakers who requested specific time slots based on out-of-state travel. Mr. Morton stated that he would be reaching out to Attorney General Ford and to the President of the NDAA regarding the opening remarks, and would get back to the Committee on that topic. Chris Hicks suggested that the registration window close at 12:00 p.m. so that all attendees were seated for the opening remarks and Raggio Award presentation right at 12:30 p.m.*
- *Nick Graham stated that he has confirmed within his office that Nicole Hicks and Amanda Sage would lead the presentation on cross-examination strategies, previously approved by the Subcommittee.*

6. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Various Non-Continuing Legal Education Programming Proposals for 2024 Prosecutors' Conference. (For possible action)

- *The Subcommittee continued its discussion from previous meetings on the idea of having a keynote speaker for the 2024 Conference. Various members brought up the fact that, historically, some of the social events/meals provided at previous conferences were not very well attended, because either attendees needed a break from the conference or had work to complete.*
- *Based on the strength of the agenda that the Subcommittee would be recommending to the Advisory Council for approval, the members of the Subcommittee decided that it would not be necessary to pursue a keynote speaker for this year's conference.*

7. Discussion of potential dates for futures meetings of the Subcommittee on Conference Programming.

- *Since the Subcommittee completed the agenda for the 2024 Conference at this meeting, the members decided to not schedule a subsequent meeting of the Subcommittee at this time.*

8. Subcommittee Member Comments. (For discussion only – action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, but matters may be scheduled on future agendas).

- *Chair Christensen opened up a discussion as to whether some or all of the CLE presentations at the 2024 Conference should be recorded, so that prosecutors who were not able to attend could watch the recordings for CLE credit.*
- *Mark Jackson noted his concern with recording some of the approved presentations, as he wanted to ensure that the presenters, and those attendees who may ask questions, could have an open and frank discussion on the topics being presented.*
- *No action was taken on this discussion.*

- *Michael Morton gave a brief update on registration numbers for the 2024 Conference, stating that there were 51 registrants at the time of this meeting. Mr. Morton also gave an update on his search for sponsors for this year's Conference, stating that he has been having good discussions with Karpel, who is interested in sponsoring the welcome reception.*

9. **Public Comment.**

- *Chair Christensen opened the floor for public comment. None was offered.*

10. **Adjournment.**

- *Mark Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting, Chris Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

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