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## WYOMING JUDICIAL COUNCIL

### AGENDA

Wyoming Supreme Court Building, Room 237

June 8, 2026

8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**Members:** Chief Justice Lynne Boomgaarden (chair), Justice Kari Gray, Justice Robert Jarosh, Judge Dawnessa Snyder, Judge Joseph Bluemel, Judge Scott Peasley, Judge John Prokos, Judge Sean Chambers, Judge Susan Stipe

#### WJC BUSINESS

<b>Welcome</b>	Chief Justice Boomgaarden
<b>1. Approval of Minutes</b> Attachment 1.1 – Draft March Minutes	The Council will review the minutes from the meeting on March 10, 2026. <b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on approval of the draft minutes.
<b>2. Education Committee</b> Judge Kirven Attachment 2.1 – Draft Judicial Conference Agenda	Judge Kirven will provide information to the Council regarding the Judicial Conference on September 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>3. Technology Committee</b> Justice Hill Council Discussion Attachment 3.1 – Technology Spending Priority Summary Attachment 3.2 – Technology Spending Priority Recommendations Attachment 3.3 – Courtroom Technology Update Options Attachment 3.4 – Customization List Attachment 3.5 – eFiling Committee Customization Prioritization Recommendations	Justice Hill will present the recommendation of the Technology Committee related to the prioritization of technology spending for the Judicial Branch. <b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the recommendation of the Technology Committee to prioritize technology spending. <u>Committee Members:</u> Justice Hill (chair), Judge Eames, Judge Forwood, Amanda Sanchez, Nichole Lyman
<b>4. Technology Funding/Spending</b> Council Discussion Attachment 4.1 – Technology Spending Priority Recommendations (Sorted) Attachment 4.2 – JSA Projections Based on Current Spending/Projects Attachment 4.3 – JSA Spending Decisions	Elisa Butler and Claire Smith will provide additional information to the Council regarding the amount of technology spending the Council is comfortable with over the next year and biennium considering the sustainability of the JSA fund. <b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the amount of technology spending the Council is comfortable committing to over the coming biennium.

<p><b>5. Exception Requests</b>          Claire Smith          Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 5.1 – BFY27 Potential Supplemental Budget Requests</p>	<p>Claire Smith will provide a list of possible supplemental budget exception requests that the Council may want to consider for the 2027 general session.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on supplemental budget exception requests for the 2027 general session.</p>
<p><b>6. Legislative Update</b>          Elisa Butler</p>	<p>Elisa Butler will provide information to the Council on the recent Joint Appropriations Committee and Joint Judiciary Committee meetings.</p>
<p><b>7. HR Committee</b>          Judge Coombs          Council Discussion</p>	<p>Judge Coombs will present the work of the HR Committee since the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Judge Coombs (chair), Justice Jarosh, Judge Froelicher, Judge Robinson, Judge Burningham, Judge Sweet</p>
<p>Attachment 7.1 – Proposed Employee Compensation Allocation</p>	<p>Judge Coombs will present the recommendation of the HR Committee regarding the allocation of employee compensation funds appropriated to the Branch during the 2026 legislative session.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the recommendation of the HR Committee that the Council approve the proposed employee compensation allocation.</p>
<p>Attachment 7.2 – Proposed Amendment to the Wyoming Judicial Branch Classification Structure</p>	<p>Judge Coombs will present the proposed amendments to the <i>Wyoming Judicial Branch Classification Structure</i> recommended by the HR Committee.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the recommendation of the HR Committee that the Council approve the proposed amendments to the <i>Wyoming Judicial Branch Classification Structure</i>.</p>
<p><b>8. Court Security Funding</b>          Elisa Butler          Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 8.1 – Draft Court Security Grant Award Implementation Plan</p>	<p>Elisa Butler will present the proposed process for award of court security grant funding to counties.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the proposed process to award court security grants to counties.</p>
<p><b>9. Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee</b>          Chief Justice Boomgaarden          Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 9.1 – Recommendation of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will present the recommendation of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee on the purpose and objectives of judicial performance and next steps of the Committee.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the recommendation of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Chief Justice Boomgaarden (chair), Judge Healy, Judge Owens, Judge Burningham, Judge Prokos, Judge LaBuda, Alison Gee, Devon O’Connell</p>
<p><b>10. SJI Grant Priorities</b>          Elisa Butler          Council Discussion</p>	<p>Elisa Butler will provide information on investigation into the three SJI grant priorities identified by the Council in March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop and maintain standardized user-fillable forms, including the use of guided form completion technologies.</li> <li>- Evaluate implementation of judicial performance.</li> </ul>

	<p>- Work with counties to implement security assessment recommendations where feasible and evaluate additional assessments in other locations.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the prioritization of SJI grants for operational tasks identified at the March meeting.</p>
<p><b>11. Social Media Plan</b> Jacob Just Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 11.1 – Proposed Social Media Strategy</p>	<p>Jacob Just will present a draft Social Media Plan for the Council’s discussion and consideration.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the proposed Social Media Strategy.</p>
<p><b>12. Intranet Site</b> Elisa Butler Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 12.1 – Intranet Functionality Options</p>	<p>Elisa Butler will present the proposed baseline functionality of a possible intranet site for the Council’s discussion and input. This functionality will assist in making decisions on how to approach an intranet site for the Branch.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the baseline functionality of an intranet site for the Wyoming Judicial Branch.</p>
<p><b>13. Executive Committee</b></p>	<p>The Executive Committee will present its recommendations to the Council.</p>
<p><u>Procurement Policy</u> Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 13.1 – Draft Procurement Policy</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will present the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Council adopt the draft policy regarding the process for procuring goods and services for the Wyoming Judicial Branch.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the proposed Procurement Policy.</p>
<p><u>Bar Conference Sponsorship</u> Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 13.2 – WSB Sponsor Benefits</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will present the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Council approve the Judicial Branch becoming a Gold Sponsor of the Wyoming State Bar Conference by committing \$1,000 in support of the conference.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the proposed sponsorship of the Wyoming State Bar Conference.</p>
<p><u>Court Reporter Retirement Income</u> Judge Snyder Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 13.3 – Court Reporter Retirement Memo</p>	<p>Judge Snyder will present the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the HR Committee that the Council approve moving forward working with Wyoming State Retirement and the State Auditor’s Office to request an opinion from the Attorney General on the retirement income for court reporters.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the proposed next step for court reporter retirement calculations.</p>
<p><b>14. Lehman Award</b> Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will lead a discussion on recommendations for the recipient of the 2026 Lehman Award.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the 2026 Lehman Award.</p>
<b>RULE AMENDMENTS</b>	
<p><b>15. Rules and Procedures Governing the</b></p>	<p>Elisa Butler will present the proposed rule change to the <i>Rules and Procedures</i></p>

<p><b>Wyoming Judicial Council</b> Elisa Butler Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 15.1 – Draft WJC Rule Amendment</p> <p>Attachment 15.2 – Appendix A to the WJC Rules</p>	<p><i>Governing the Wyoming Judicial Council</i> stemming from the March WJC retreat.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the proposed amendment to the <i>Rules and Procedures Governing the Wyoming Judicial Council</i>.</p>
<p><b>16. eFiling Committee</b> Justice Jarosh Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 16.1 – Proposed Amendment to the Wyoming Rules for Electronic Filing and Service</p>	<p>Justice Jarosh will present the recommendation of the eFiling Committee that the Council recommend adoption of the amendment to Rule 8 of the <i>Wyoming Rules for Electronic Filing and Service</i>.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the recommendation of the eFiling Committee that the Council recommend adoption of the amendment to Rule 8 of the <i>Wyoming Rules for Electronic Filing and Service</i> by the Wyoming Supreme Court.</p>
<p><b>17. PRAC – Civil Rules Division</b> Justice Jarosh Council Discussion</p>	<p>Justice Jarosh will present the recommendation of the Civil Rules Division of the Permanent Rules Advisory Committee.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Justice Jarosh, Judge Hibben, Judge Phillips, Judge Darrah, Jennifer Beeston, Robert Krause, Clint Langer, Jill Kiester, Deborah Roden, Devon O’Connell, Thomas Rumpke, Alaina Stedillie</p>
<p>Attachment 17.1 – Proposed Amendment to WRCP 4 Edited Version</p> <p>Attachment 17.2 – Proposed Amendment to WRCP 4 Clean Version</p>	<p>The Civil Rules Division recommends that the Council recommend adoption of amendments to Rule 4 of the <i>Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure</i>.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the recommendation of the Civil Rules Division that the Council recommend adoption of the amendments to WRCP 4 by the Wyoming Supreme Court.</p>
<p>Attachment 17.3 – Proposed Amendment to WRCP 41</p>	<p>The Civil Rules Division recommends that the Council recommend adoption of amendments to Rule 41 of the <i>Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure</i>.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the recommendation of the Civil Rules Division that the Council recommend adoption of the amendment to WRCP 41 by the Wyoming Supreme Court.</p>
<p><b>18. PRAC – Criminal Division</b> Justice Fenn Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 18.1 – Memo re Proposed Amendments to WRCrP</p> <p>Attachment 18.2 – Proposed Amendments to WRCrP</p>	<p>Justice Fenn will present the recommendation of the Criminal Rules Division of the Permanent Rules Advisory Committee that the Council recommend adoption of the amendments to the <i>Wyoming Rules of Criminal Procedure</i>.</p> <p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the recommendation of the Criminal Rules Division that the Council recommend adoption of the amendments to the <i>Wyoming Rules of Criminal Procedure</i> by the Wyoming Supreme Court.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Justice Fenn (chair), Judge Robinson, Judge Brown, Jenny Craig, Kristen Jones, Jeremy Meerkreebs, Ronald Wirthwein, Michael Blonigen</p>

CONSENT AGENDA

<p><b>19. Consent List</b></p>	<p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on the consent agenda recommendations.</p>
<p><u>Probate Forms</u> Attachment 19.1 – Proposed Probate Forms</p>	<p>Forms Committee recommendation to approve forms. <u>Committee Members:</u> Judge Darrah (chair), Judge Hibben, Judge Westby, Judge Collier, Pamela Merchen, Katerie Driskill, Mackenzie Williams, Erik Oblasser, Angie Dorsch</p>
<p><u>PRAC – Chancery Division</u> Attachment 19.2 – Proposed Amendment to WRCPChC 4 Attachment 19.3 – Proposed Amendment to WRCPChC 41</p>	<p>Judge Burningham will present the recommendation of the Chancery Rules Division of the Permanent Rules Advisory Committee that the Council recommend adoption of the amendments to the <i>Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure for Chancery Court</i>. <u>Committee Members:</u> Judge Burningham (chair), Justice Fenn, Jude McGrady, Judge Sullins, Stuart Day, Greg Dyekman, Matthew Kaufman, Amanda Sanchez, Timothy Stubson, Tom Walters</p>
<p><b>RATIFICATION</b></p>	
<p><b>20. Ratification of Executive Committee Action</b></p>	<p><b>DECISION POINT:</b> Discussion and action on ratification of Executive Committee action.</p>
<p><u>Uniform Rules of District Court</u> Attachment 20.1 – URDC Amendment</p>	<p>Ratification of the recommendation that the Supreme Court adopt the amendment to URDC 102.</p>
<p><u>Uniform Rules of Chancery Court</u> Attachment 20.2 – URChC Amendment</p>	<p>Ratification of the recommendation that the Supreme Court adopt the amendment to URDC 102.</p>
<p><u>Peer Review Implementation Plan</u> Attachment 20.3 – Peer Review Implementation Plan</p>	<p>Ratification of the Executive Committee’s approval of the Treatment Court Peer Review Implementation Plan, which was approved by the Behavioral Health Committee.</p>
<p><u>Needs Assessment Implementation Plan</u> Attachment 20.4 – Needs Assessment Implementation Plan</p>	<p>Ratification of the Executive Committee’s approval of the Needs Assessment Implementation Plan.</p>
<p><b>INFORMATION</b></p>	
<p><b>21. Audit Committee</b> Attachment 21.1 – Memo re pennies in the courts Attachment 21.2 – Payments Flyer</p>	<p>The Audit Committee considered the issue of pennies no longer being produced at the direction of the Wyoming Judicial Council. The memo documents the discussion of that Committee.</p>
<p><b>22. Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics</b></p>	<p>With the retirement of long-time Executive Director, Wendy Soto, there are some changes to the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. Sam Shumway has been selected to become the Executive Director of the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. Mr. Shumway will</p>

	begin work on June 1, 2026. He will work with Ms. Soto for training purposes, and Ms. Soto will officially retire on July 1, 2026.
<b>23. Judicial Nominating Commission</b> Attachment 23.1 – Judicial Vacancy Timeline	The Branch will experience a number of vacancies in 2026. The attached calendar provides timelines for the judicial selection process.
<b>MEETING CLOSE</b>	
<b>Council Check-In</b>	
<b>For the Good of the Order</b>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Chief Justice Boomgaarden

<b>FUTURE WJB MEETING DATES:</b>	
	Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Casper, WY
	Monday, December 14, 2026 – virtual meeting
	Monday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2027 – location TBD (circuit court conference selection)
<b>DECISION POINT:</b>	<b>Monday, June 14, 2027 – Cheyenne, WY</b>