

WYOMING JUDICIAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

Vee Bar Ranch

March 9, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. – March 10, 2026 at 12:00 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 RETREAT

1. Legislative Review Elisa Butler	Elisa Butler will provide information to the Council on the outcome of the 68 th legislative session.
2. Operational Plan Review Elisa Butler Council Discussion Attachment 2.1 – Strategic Plan Attachment 2.2 – Operational Plan Attachment 2.3 – 2026 Court Navigator Rollout Schedule	Elisa Butler will lead a review of the Wyoming Judicial Branch Operational Plan. The Council will discuss amendments to the Operational Plan and will review specific items within the operational plan for additional guidance. DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on whether the items highlighted in yellow should be approved and added to the operational plan. DECISION POINT: Direction on items highlighted in red.
a. Judicial Salaries Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion Attachment 2.a.1 – Judicial Salary Comparisons Attachment 2.a.2 – How State Judicial Salaries are Set Attachment 2.a.3 – NCSC Judicial Salary Tracker January 2026	Chief Justice Boomgaarden will lead a discussion on Strategic Plan Pillar 3, Goal 2 related to judicial salaries. The Council will discuss the rate of pay for judges and justices, magistrates, and retired judges and determine next steps. DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on next steps for salaries of justices and judges. DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on next steps for salaries of magistrates. DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on next steps for salaries of retired justices and judges.
b. District Court Clerk Collaboration Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion Attachment 2.b.1 – District Court Clerk Request	Chief Justice Boomgaarden will lead a discussion on Strategic Plan Pillar 1, Goal 2 related to the clarification of roles and collaboration with the Clerks of District Court. DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on the Council’s collaboration with the Clerks of District Court.
c. Administrative Appeals Judge Snyder Council Discussion	Judge Snyder will lead a discussion on administrative appeals and whether the Branch would like to consider pursuing an initiative to limit litigants to one appeal in administrative cases. This discussion is in accordance with Pillar 4, Goal 3 of the Branch’s Strategic Plan. DECISION POINT: Discussion and decision on whether to take action on administrative appeals in Wyoming.

<p>d. ATJ Summit Justice Gray Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 2.d.1 – ATJ Commission Cover Letter</p> <p>Attachment 2.d.2 – Wyoming Access to Justice Summit Report 2026</p> <p>Attachment 2.d.3 – ATJ Commission Recommendations</p>	<p>Justice Gray will lead a discussion on the Access to Justice Summit and recommendations from the Access to Justice Commission on which objectives identified from the Summit should be incorporated into the operational plan and investigated.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on whether to approve and incorporate the recommendation of the ATJ Commission into the operational plan and approve future work.</p>
<p>e. Technology Decisions Elisa Butler Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 2.e.1 – Technology Decisions</p> <p>Attachment 2.e.2 – Technology Costs Overview</p> <p>Attachment 2.e.3 – Enhancements List</p>	<p>Elisa Butler will provide an overview of technology in the Branch, and the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Technology Committee be charged with making recommendations on the approach to technology funding and spending in light of the legislative session. The Council will discuss this issue in accordance with Pillar 1, Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Technology Committee be tasked with investigating and making a recommendation on technology funding and spending in light of the legislative session.</p>
<p>f. State Justice Institute Grant Priorities Elisa Butler Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 2.f.1 – SJI Grant Opportunities</p>	<p>Elisa Butler will provide the Council with a list of possible areas of interest from the Operational Plan that could qualify for grants from the State Justice Institute (SJI). The Council will discuss the priority of projects that could qualify for SJI grants.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on SJI grant project priorities.</p>
<p>3. WJC and Committees</p>	<p>The Council will discuss the current operations of the WJC and the Committees and determine whether changes are warranted.</p>
<p>a. New WJC Member Requirements Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will lead a discussion on the idea of requiring WJC members to serve on a WJC Committee prior to being eligible to serve on the WJC.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on eligibility requirements for WJC members.</p>
<p>b. Committee Work Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will lead a discussion on how to ensure that WJC committee work is consistent with the strategic objectives of the Branch.</p>
<p>c. Committee Purpose/Structure Review Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.1 – Purpose and Structure of the Access to Justice Commission</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will lead a review and discussion of the WJC Committee Purpose and Structure document to ensure the committee objectives are tied to strategic priorities.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on Committee Purpose and Structure documents.</p>

<p>Attachment 3.c.2 – Purpose and Structure of the Behavioral Health Committee</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.3 – Purpose and Structure of the Circuit Court Audit Committee</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.4 – Purpose and Structure of the Education Committee</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.5 – Purpose and Structure of the eFiling Committee</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.6 – Purpose and structure of the EJW Advisory Committee</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.7 – Purpose and Structure of the Forms Committee</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.8 – Purpose and Structure of the Human Resources Committee</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.9 – Purpose and Structure of the Legislative Relations Committee</p> <p>Attachment 3.c.10 – Purpose and Structure of the Technology Committee</p>	
<p>d. Policy Discussion Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 3.d.1 – Draft Policy Development and Review Process</p> <p>Attachment 3.d.2 – Draft Policy Flow Illustration</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will lead a discussion on the flow of policies in WJC committees and through the WJC. Specifically, the WJC will consider whether to formalize the flow of policies through the process.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on the flow of policies through the Branch governance structure.</p>
<p>4. Unaddressed Items/Gaps</p>	<p>The Council will discuss items or gaps that were not discussed related to the work and strategy of the Wyoming Judicial Branch and Wyoming Judicial Council.</p>
<p>WJC BUSINESS</p>	
<p>5. Approval of Minutes Attachment 5.1 – Draft December Minutes</p>	<p>The Council will review the minutes from the meeting on December 15, 2025.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on approval of the draft minutes.</p>
<p>6. Equal Justice Wyoming Grants Katie Hogarty/Cathy Duncil</p>	<p>Katie Hogarty and Cathy Duncil will present the recommendations of the EJW Committee on grant funding for providers statewide.</p>

<p>Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 6.1 – EJW Committee Grant Recommendation Executive Summary</p> <p>Attachment 6.2 – Provider Grant Recommendations</p>	<p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on the recommendation of the EJW Advisory Committee regarding EJW grant funding.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Cathy Duncil (co-chair), Katie Hogarty (co-chair), Judge Cooley, Judge Stebner, Danielle Burnside, Stuart Day, Walter Eggers, Jennifer Kirk, Erik Oblasser, Tawnya Plumb</p>
<p>7. Treatment Court Grants</p> <p>Judge Castano Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 7.1 – Behavioral Health Committee Grant Recommendation Executive Summary</p> <p>Attachment 7.2 – Treatment Court Grant Recommendations</p>	<p>Judge Castano will present the recommendations of the Behavioral Health Committee on grant funding for treatment courts statewide.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on the recommendation of the Behavioral Health Committee regarding treatment court grant funding.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Judge Castano (chair), Justice Fenn, Judge Kaste, Judge Coombs, Judge P. Phillips</p>
<p>8. URDC 909</p> <p>Judge Snyder Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 8.1 – Rationale for URDC 909 Amendment</p> <p>Attachment 8.2 – Proposed Amendment to URDC 909</p>	<p>Judge Snyder will present proposed amendments to Rule 909 of the Uniform Rules of District Court.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on the recommendation that the Wyoming Supreme Court adopt the proposed amendments.</p>
<p>WJC AND OTHER COMMITTEES</p>	
<p>9. Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee</p> <p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 9.1 – Proposed Purpose and Structure for the JPE Committee</p>	<p>Chief Justice Boomgaarden will present the recommendation of the Judicial Performance Evaluation (JPE) Committee to adopt the Purpose and Structure of that Committee.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on the recommendation of the JPE Committee that the Council adopt the purpose and structure approved by the Committee.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Chief Justice Boomgaarden (chair), Justice Jarosh, Judge Healy, Judge Owens, Judge Prokos, Judge LaBuda</p>
<p>10. Technology Committee</p> <p>Justice Hill Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 10.1 – Draft Identification and Authentication Policy</p>	<p>Justice Hill will present the recommendation of the Technology Committee that the Council adopt the Identification and Authentication Policy.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on the recommendation of the Technology Committee that the Council adopt the Identification and Authentication Policy.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Justice Hill (chair), Judge Eames, Judge Forwood, Nichole Vail, Amanda Sanchez</p>
<p>11. PRAC – Chancery Court Division</p> <p>Judge Burningham Council Discussion</p> <p>Attachment 11.1 – Memo and proposed</p>	<p>Judge Burningham will present the recommendation of the Chancery Court Division of the Permanent Rules Advisory Committee to amend the rules relating to Chancery Court.</p> <p>DECISION POINT: Discussion and action on the recommendation of</p>

Amendment to the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure for Chancery Court	<p>the Chancery Court Division that the Council recommend adoption of the amendments by the Wyoming Supreme Court.</p> <p><u>Committee Members:</u> Judge Burningham (chair), Justice Fenn, Judge McGrady, Judge Sullins (ret.), Stuart Day, Greg Dyekman, Matthew Kaufman, Amanda Sanchez, Tim Stubson, Tom Walters</p>
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INFORMATION

12. For the Council's Information	
<p><u>Technology Committee</u> Attachment 12.1 – Q & A Handling Quarantined Time-Sensitive Emails</p>	The Technology Committee provides answers related to the handling of quarantined time-sensitive emails based on questions posed by the Council at the December meeting.
<p><u>JEAC Report</u> Attachment 12.2 – JEAC Report</p>	The Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee approved the annual report.

MEETING CLOSE

Council Check-In	
For the Good of the Order	
Adjourn	Chief Justice Boomgaarden

FUTURE WJB MEETING DATES:

	Monday, June 8, 2026 @ a.m. to Noon in Cheyenne, WY
	Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Casper, WY
	Monday, December 14, 2026 – virtual meeting
DECISION POINT:	Monday, March 15 th and Tuesday, March 16 th , 2027 – location TBD (circuit court conference selection)