

City of Greeley, Colorado
JUDICIAL REVIEW BOARD REPORT

January 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. and conducted in a remote format via Zoom Meetings.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present included Angie McDowell, Jay Hill, and Nicholas Nakamura. Mr. Walter Sehl and Mr. Gerald Shadwick were absent. Human Relations Director Anne Larson, Interim City Clerk Stacey Aurzada, and Assistant City Clerk Allie Powell were also present.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Mr. Nakamura moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the report, and the motion carried 3-0.

3. DISCUSS DRAFT OF JUDICIAL REVIEW REPORT AND EDITS

Ms. Aurzada shared her screen and displayed the draft of the Judicial Review Report. Shortcomings of the current process were discussed, including the number of defendant surveys returned (77) out of an unknown number of defendant surveys distributed leading to an unknown percentage of return.

Ms. Aurzada also addressed the lack of responses from defense attorneys and suggested doing a more real time responses. Mr. Nakamura raised a questions about the accuracy of the data, particularly in relation to the same defense attorney representing multiple defendants. Ms. Aurzada addressed the question and presented further suggestion to increase responsiveness and accuracy of data.

Ms. Aurzada continued to review the draft with board members highlighting important points of the data. Mr. Hill raised a question as to whether the feedback received in the survey this year was the same as last year. Ms. Aurzada informed him that the survey was anonymous so there is no way to know conclusively whether or not that was the case.

Mr. Hill inquired about the City of Greeley's COVID protocols in relation to some commentary made in the collected surveys. Ms Aurzada replied that the decision to hold hearings remotely vs in-person was up to the discretion of Judge Gonzales and gave some reasoning behind his decision.

During the review of court room observations Mr. Nakamura informed the board that he has additional observation data that would not have affected the outcome of the data collection, and it was determined that he would supply that data to be added to the report after the meeting.

Ms. Aurzada opened the floor to the Board for questions, comments, or edits to the report. Mr. Hill asked if the Board could review the report further after the meeting. Ms. Aurzada granted this request. It was also determined that the report would be approved via email by the board members, and a due date of Thursday 27, 2022 by 5:00pm.

Mr. Nakamura suggested that Judge Gonzales' involvement in Weld Project connect be mentioned. Ms. Aurzada confirmed that it could be added to the report. Mr. Hill then asked about City Council involvement in training opportunities that was mentioned at a previous meeting. Ms. Aurzada confirmed that it could also be added to the current report.

All three board members present also suggested more of a one on one component being added to the process.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented by the board.

5. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

Another meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 5:15 pm. Communication procedure of phone calls and follow up emails was established to promote complete attendance.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nakamura moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Ms. McDowell, motion carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.