

Senate Select Committee on Judicial Oversight and Reform
Tentative Agenda

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July 15, 2024 – 8 a.m.

State Capitol Room 137 and Zoom

Please note:

- The committee will pause for breaks at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- All agenda times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than indicated.

July 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order** – Senate President Jason Ellsworth
Roll Call

8:05 a.m. **Overview of Judicial Performance Evaluations**

- Justice Kourlis
 - Former Trial Court Judge and Justice of Colorado Supreme Court
 - Former Executive Director at IAALS, the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System
- [Brittany Kauffman](#)
 - Chief Executive Officer at [IAALS](#)
- Public comment*
- Questions from the committee

10:30 a.m. **Implementation of Judicial Performance Evaluations – Utah Experience**

- Lowry Snow (20-30 minutes)
 - Former Member of Utah House of Representatives from 2012 through 2022
 - Former Chair of [Utah Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission](#) (JPEC)
- Jennifer Yim (1 – 1.5 hours)
 - Former Executive Director of JPEC
- Public comment*
- Questions from the committee

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

2:00 p.m. **District Court Case Assignments, Retired Judges, Substitution of Judges, and Follow-up to Questions from June 2024 Meeting**

- *Panel Discussion*
 - Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator
 - Angie Sparks, Lewis and Clark County Clerk of District Court
 - Judge Mike Menahan, First Judicial District

- *Statute on Retired Judges and Follow Up Questions*
 - Julie Johnson, LSD legal staff
- Public comment*
- Questions from the committee

4:00 p.m. **Public comment*** on any topic under the committee’s jurisdiction

4:15 p.m. **Committee Work Session**

- Future topics
- Tasks/Research for staff
- Next meeting date July 29, 2024

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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