

CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL COMPETENCY

May 20, 2020
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Video-Conference

MINUTES

Attendees: Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson (Chair), Isabel Alvarez, Troy Brown, Patrick (PJ) Deak, Juanita Halepas, Esther Harris, Zarin Kapur, Ines Nieves, Daisy Ortiz, Felix Rodriguez, Philip Strambler, and Shawna Woodard

Absent: Juana Brown, Samuel Bruder, Sandra Cardone, Cristina Johnson, Meghan Korn, Michaelangelo Palmieri, Spiro Uyar, and Ewa Wojewodzki

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Diversity Week 2020

The membership convened to discuss this year's Diversity Week in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing. The discussion resulted in an agreement to move forward with Diversity Week 2020 in an online format. The Subcommittee may consider web-based courses, virtual instructor-led training, pre-recorded and live webinars. It must consider the platform to deliver these educational opportunities. Zoom is very user-friendly, but is currently unavailable to us within the Judicial network. We currently have network access to Microsoft Teams and the Branch's Learning Management System. Considerations will also have to be made to train the trainers on how to deliver training via these platforms, teach the employees on how to access them, and secure the necessary equipment (i.e., web cameras) and software (i.e., Articulate Storyline to develop web-based courses). Chief Justice Robinson requested PJ Deak and Phil Strambler to assist us with selecting the platform(s) by consulting with Lucio Deluca, Information Technology Division. Shawna Woodard will contact Michael Palmieri to confirm his interest in co-chairing Diversity Week 2020 with Felix Rodriguez. She will also contact Melissa Farley to relay our plan for an online format.

Future Meetings

The ACCC will attempt to hold future meetings via Microsoft Teams while employees work remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.