

CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL COMPETENCY

December 21, 2017
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
225 Spring Street, Room 204, Wethersfield

MINUTES

Attendees: Justice Richard A. Robinson (Chair), Troy Brown, Samuel Bruder, Alison Chandler, Juanita Halepas, Esther Harris, Cristina Johnson, Zarin Kapur, Ines Nieves, Philip Strambler, Ewa Wojewodzki, and Shawna Woodard.

Guest: Paul Bourdoulous

Absent: Isabel Alvarez, Karen Chorney, Linda J. Cimino, and Daisy Ortiz

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Justice Robinson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Membership

Over the course of the year, there have been several employees who had either expressed an interest in becoming a member of the ACCC, or an ACCC member had recommended an employee as one who should be considered for membership. The ACCC made the decision to send those employees, 8 in total, an invitation to join provided they have approval from their supervisors, Directors and Executive Directors. The ACCC discussed several ideas of what is to be expected of all members. These would be incorporated into the membership invitation.

Shawna Woodard will draft the membership invitation for Justice Robinson's approval. In addition, she will prepare the ACCC mission and vision statements for Justice Robinson to send to Chief Justice Rogers for her final approval.

The ACCC expects to review the responses of any prospective members at its January 2018 meeting.

New Business and Announcements

Justice Robinson requested that each member submits information on each time he or she has a speaking engagement (speaker or trainer) with any entity external to the Branch. Since the December 2017 ACCC meeting, External Affairs issued an email to all Branch employees

As 2018 gets underway, we would like to remind you that the External Affairs Division keeps track of employees' speaking engagements. Any time you address a school, community organization or professional group about your work at the Judicial Branch, we would appreciate it if you would let us know. Please e-mail the following information to Alison.Chandler@jud.ct.gov.

- *the name of the organization you addressed*
- *the topic of your talk*
- *the number of people you spoke with*
- *when the event took place*

The next meeting of the ACCC will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.