

Public Service and Trust Commission

Committee on Accountability

Minutes January 18, 2008

The Committee on Accountability of the Public Service and Trust Commission met in the Superior Court Operations Conference Room 401, located at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, CT, on Friday, January 18, 2008.

Those in attendance: Co-Chairs Justice Joette Katz and Ms. Caren Kittredge, Honorable Thomas J. Corradino, Honorable Nina F. Elgo, Honorable Kevin A. Randolph, Attorney Susan O. Storey, and Attorney Jennifer L. Zito. (Superior Court Operations staff to the Committee: Vicki Nichols and Jamey L. Harris)

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Justice Katz.

1. The first order of business was the welcoming of members and the overview of the meeting.

2. The next agenda item was an overview of Committee tasks, and a review of the contents of the Committee binder.

3. The next agenda item was a mini-training session on strategic planning, which defined outcome goal, strategies, and activities. Members asked clarifying questions about these terms. After a brief explanation of the training provided to all committee co-chairs and staff, Ms. Kittredge assured members that the efforts of this Committee would not be duplicated by other committees.

4. The next agenda item was a discussion of the tasks of the Committee. The co-chairs asked for members to note that the charge provided to the Committee is not prescriptive. Members were encouraged to envision the Judicial Branch in three to five years relative to accountability, as they draft the Committee's outcome goal.

Members engaged in a lengthy discussion of the concepts of uniformity, consistency, and judicial independence as these terms relate to accountability. Members discussed how the outcome goal should reflect independence of the judiciary, but the process should reflect civility and respect.

5. The next agenda item was a discussion of the tasks for the next meeting. The co-chairs will draft a preliminary outcome goal based on the discussion; they noted that some strategies have already been identified.

The draft outcome goal will be forwarded to members via email prior to the next meeting.

6. The final agenda item was scheduling the next meeting, which will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 1, 2008, at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, Conference Room 401.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.