

# SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES

## 4/13/22

<b>Meeting Date:</b> 4/13/2022	<b>Meeting Location:</b> BoCC Conference Room & Zoom Webinar	<b>Start Time:</b> 12:00 p.m. <b>Adjourn Time:</b> 1:30 p.m.
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Judge Aimee Maurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="mailto:amaurer@spokanecounty.org">amaurer@spokanecounty.org</a>	District Court
Open seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	At-Large Community Representative
<b>Proxies:</b>		
Katie McNulty for Larry Haskell		
<b>Others Present:</b>		
Karen Westberg, Regional Law & Justice Executive Assistant		
<b>Agenda:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Approval of Feb. 9, 2022 SRLJC minutes</li> <li>• Bylaws subcommittee discussion of bylaws recommendations</li> <li>• Open At-large Community Representative position</li> <li>• Adjourn</li> </ul>		

**Minutes:**

- February minutes approved with two minor adjustments. (1 abstain – Judge Gerl)
- Bylaws subcommittee:
  - Working on location and duration:
    - suggested locations to check for having the SRLJC meeting: SRHD (Heath District), Champion room @ arena
    - Question raised on continuing virtual meetings: Sheriff (Chair) prefers in-person meetings.
    - Suggested we also use the Equity Assessment Toolkit to run the bylaws through – Karen will send toolkit to SRLJC.
  - Open meetings and public comment- Karen will send draft public comment suggestion to SRLJC.
- At-Large Community Representative:
  - One current opening as a victim's advocate.
  - Tim asked if Strategic workgroup would vet the applications.
  - Sheriff suggested we set up the process:
    - Nominating committee:
      - Tim Fitzgerald, John Haley, Justin Bingham, Mike Sparber
      - Sheriff: Can we define what a victim's advocate is? Justin Bingham suggested that we use the applicant qualifications to determine best fit.
      - Suggested: "Preference will be given to those who can show victim advocacy experience"
      - Requested Karen find the previous "victim advocate" language and send to SRLJC members before next meeting.
      - Sheriff would like application posted and closed by June and selection by July. Next open position process will start in August.
- Supported Release discussion:
  - District Court bench voted against administrating the Supported Release program.
    - Concerns raised; appropriateness of the bench spearheading a program where the defense is going to identify. Judge may not propose supported release from the bench. Could create an appearance of a conflict of interest. However, they are in favor of supported release for appropriate crimes. (DV and DUI would not be considered).
  - Decision made to have the Office of Law & Justice administer the program.
  - Risk Manager and Prosecutors office agreed that they have no oppositions to this program.
  - Sr. Director Sparber will work on revising the RFP and get the process moving asap.
  - Round table discussion on the ongoing challenges of risk tools.

Meeting Adjourned

**Next meeting:** 5/11/2022

**Scribe:** Exec. Asst. - Karen Westberg